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Buckingham

A copy of the 14-page OPA report and a two-page accompanying letter was leaked to the media and some members of the general public late Tuesday night.

It has since drawn varied reactions from the Fitial administration, Buckingham, and other individuals who also received a copy of the report from an anonymous individual who used the email address spnwikileaks@hushmail.com to leak the report.

The Fitial administration, OPA, and the Office of the Attorney General have not released the Dec. 13, 2010, report to the public, citing statutory restrictions.

This, despite Public Auditor Michael Pai's recommendation for Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos to, among other things, release the investigative report and the accompanying letter.

'Concerned about the leak'

Fitial is currently in Beijing, China for a National Governors Association eco-

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AG: Leaked docs 'not official'

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Attorney General Ed Buckingham said yesterday that the documents allegedly "leaked" by an anonymous source are not official and as such, no one can say if they are authentic or verify who wrote them.

The media showed a leaked copy of the Office of the Public Auditor report to Buckingham yesterday afternoon to ask whether it's the same report he received in December 2010. But he questioned the authenticity of the

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GREEN ENERGY

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Acting governor Eloy S. Inos, second from left, leads yesterday afternoon's ribbon cutting for the hybrid wind and solar panel pole donated to the CNMI government by Japanese businessman Takeshi Yamada, second from right, and installed at the parking lot of the Office of the Governor on Capital Hill. From left, House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), Inos, governor's special advisor Shigeyoshi Kato, Yamada and Public Lands Secretary Oscar M. Babauta.

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Noncitizen dialysis patients costs NMI govt $1.1M yearly

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For many years now, the Commonwealth has been spending millions of dollars to treat dialysis patients who are non-U.S. citizens and could not afford to pay their bills, according to Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez yesterday.

Of the 115 patients being treated at the hospital's hemodialysis center, 20 are nationals of different countries and have no

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PSS survey: 70 pct. of public school employees want DC plan

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Employees and personnel of CNMI public schools want to transfer to the NMI Retirement Fund's defined contribution plan in order to save their monies from total collapse, according to a recent survey conducted by the Public School System.

The survey revealed that 70 percent of personnel want to move away from the defined benefit plan.

PSS federal programs officer Tim Thornburgh said the system has over 1,000 employees, including federally funded personnel. Of that number, 48 percent are already under the defined contribution plan.

Membership in the defined benefit plan became mandatory for all employers of the government, autonomous agencies, and corporations if there were hired before Jan. 1, 2007. The defined contribution plan, meantime, is a multi-employer pension plan and is the single retirement program for all new employees whose employment began on or after Jan. 1, 2007.

"We're seeing a strong desire from our employees that they want to move away or transfer from the DB plan to the DC plan. Their reason, according to our survey, is because of the disappointing situation of the Fund at present," said Thornburgh.

He noted that there is also a small group of employees who are undecided and need more information to make a decision.

PSS has already communicated with the Fund for assistance on the steps that PSS employees must take to transfer to the DC plan.

Thornburgh pointed out that employees with less than 16 years of service can switch from the DB plan to the DC plan anytime by refunding their contributions plus 3 percent interest. In a matter of weeks, he said, these employees can be accepted into the DC plan.

Thornburgh also disclosed that PSS is assured of stable pool of employees in the next three years because only 4 percent of the workforce is thinking of retiring from PSS per year. This, he said, is way lower than the national average of 8 percent annually.

Among all public schools, he said that only Sinapalo Elementary School has a high number of those wanting to retire within the next three years—55 percent of the school's employees and all classroom teachers.

PSS financial consultant Ed Tenorio said that transferring employees to the DC plan will help save PSS in contribution expenses. He said under the DB plan, the mandatory contribution cost for employers is 60 percent beginning Oct. 1, 2011, compared to the DC plan, with only 4 percent employer contribution.

Jobs Act seen to give PSS $36M

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If U.S. President Barrack Obama's American Jobs Act passes Congress, the CNMI Public School System stands to receive up to $36 million in federal assistance that will help the islands' public schools and offset the shortfall it expects to incur this fiscal year due to meager allocation from the local government.

PSS federal programs officer Tim Thornburgh told the Board of Education Friday that the $36 million will retain about 200 teaching positions and sustain PSS' modernization efforts. These figures, he said, are based on congressional analysis.

PSS currently has 464 classroom teachers, a reduction from last year's count of 560 teachers, many of whom were let go due to budget cuts.

PSS, which was appropriated just $30 million this fiscal year, said the funding shortfall will continue to impact the employment of classroom teachers.

Obama's Jobs Act is a mix of tax credits and targeted spending increases for school renovation and job training amounting to about $300 billion that is intended to boost the ailing U.S. economy.

Although the U.S. Senate did not act on the original legislation, Thornburgh said that a similar measure will soon be endorsed on a piecemeal basis. He is optimistic that this will be acted within the year due to the election campaign next year.

Thornburgh told *Saipan*

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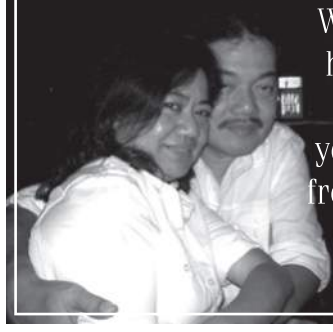

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4 allegedly beat up man, parents

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A suspect in an "ice" trafficking case who is on house arrest was arrested again on Tuesday after he and three other persons allegedly beat up a man and assaulted the latter's parents in Dandan last week.

The suspects—Don Pangelinan Sanchez Jr., 28; Kelvin Cabrera Sanchez, 23; John Carlo Guartiano Sanchez, 25; and Joaquin Vargas Sanchez, 20—were taken to the Superior Court yesterday morning on charges of riot, assault and battery, assault, and disturbing the peace.

Don Sanchez, who is on house arrest, was also charged with contempt of court.

A source said two of the suspects are siblings, while the rest are cousins.

Don Sanchez's bail was set at $25,000 cash, while the rest were imposed P5,000 cash bail each.

Detective Raymond B. Borja stated in his report that the victims are Domingo Blas Cruz and his parents, George and Herminia.

Borja said two police officers responded to Magician Bay Avenue in Dandan on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 1:42am after receiving a call about a disturbance.

Cruz told police that he and some friends were hanging out and eating soba at his niece's house when Don Sanchez and the other suspects came and challenged them to a fight. John Sanchez was seen holding a machete.

Don Sanchez allegedly punched Cruz several times in the face. Kelvin Sanchez allegedly tackled Cruz to the ground and also repeatedly punched him.

John Sanchez allegedly pushed Herminia when she came over to help her son, causing her to fall to the ground. John Sanchez also allegedly pushed George twice when he tried to separate the suspects.

George said the suspects were all holding rocks, while Joaquin Sanchez was carrying a sword or machete. He said the suspects threatened to kill his son.

Last May, members of the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force and detectives of the Department of Public Safety's Criminal Investigation Bureau arrested five persons, including Don Sanchez, during "ice" operations in Dandan.

Big prizes at stake in talent search

Talented members of the community still have a chance to join Bridge Capital LLC's local talent search that will showcase the winners during the company's Christmas party in December.

CNMI Got Talent is a Christmas-themed contest that is part of the efforts of Bridge Capital to encourage islanders to demonstrate their creativity and skills.

"We decided to launch this talent show because our management believes in the artistry of the local community," said Rowena Relado, coordinator for the talent search. "We would like to see those talents in our competition."

Relado said that CNMI Got Talent is open to all individuals or groups regardless of ethnicity or age who can sing, dance, act, play any instrument, or demonstrate any kind of talent that they have. There will be no limit to the number of entries they receive for any of the categories.

Audition pieces must be submitted in DVD format at the Bridge Capital office in Garapan by Oct. 22.

"Our management will decide which among the entries will make it to the finals and we hope to get as much as 10 finalists per category," said Relado.

Relado said the names of the finalists will be released around the second week of November to give ample time for the finalists to practice their final performances, which will coincide with Bridge Capital's Christmas party on Dec. 10.

Great cash prizes are at stake for the winners of the talent show: $100 for the third runner-up, $200 for the second runner-up, $500 for the first runner-up, and a grand prize of $1,000.

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documents.

"The documents that were 'leaked' today were not officially released. Not from the Governor. Not from OPA [Office of the Public Auditor]. The source of these documents remains anonymous," Buckingham said in a statement late yesterday afternoon.

Conversely, he said, he has always been open and forthright about this matter and has done nothing in secret.

"When OPA launched this investigation, I instructed everyone in my office to cooperate fully. Furthermore, I have gone on record as to what happened at the dinner that night," he added.

A copy of OPA's Dec. 13, 2010 "Report and recommendation of ethics investigation of Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham" and the accompanying two-page letter from Public Auditor Michael Pai to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos was leaked by an anonymous individual to the media and some members of the public on Tuesday night. Others got them Wednesday morning.

OPA's investigation report concluded that Buckingham's actions "violated criminal prohibitions" of both the Commonwealth Ethics Code Act and the Commonwealth Election Act when he hosted a campaign party for then delegate candidate Joseph N. Camacho at the governor's private residence in Gualo Rai on Aug. 28, 2010.

"While I do not know the motive for releasing these documents, I trust that the public will make an informed evaluation before relying on rumors. I hope that the people of the CNMI will judge our office by the good results we have produced, rather than by anonymous documents," Buckingham said.

Acting governor Eloy S. Inos also questioned the authenticity of the documents, a copy of which was also shown him by the media yesterday afternoon.

He said he's concerned that such a report, which he said is supposed to be confidential, was leaked. He did not want to comment further.

The anonymous source who leaked a copy of the OPA report and accompanying letter to Fitial and Inos, said: "This report has been sealed since December 2010, by law and by the refusal of the governor and attorney general to release it."

"To this day, there has been no justice. No one has been held accountable. Buckingham is still the highest legal authority in the Commonwealth," said the anonymous source, who used the email spnwikileaks@hushmail.com to release the report.

The source said "principled leaking of information has changed the course of history for the better. It can alter the course of history in the present, and it can lead us to a better future."

"Our government should be subject to the pressure, not merely of federal oversight, Open Government Act requests, or even periodic elections, but of something far stronger—the consciences of the people within it," the source added.

Buckingham said OPA holds a powerful and necessary position, including conducting investigations and reporting its findings to the governor.

"OPA investigators have access to large amounts of confidential information and are given wide discretion in making investigations; for this reason, reports must remain confidential unless the governor chooses to disclose them," the attorney general said.

As to the dinner at the governor's place, Buckingham said he "never instructed anyone to vote for any candidate—either in my 'official' capacity as attorney general or as a private citizen."

He said he has never endorsed a candidate, recused himself from participating in the electoral process, and did not even vote in the election.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP), who also received a copy of the leaked document, said the AG "broke the law."

Sablan said that if the AG did nothing wrong, he should have released the report in December.

Glen Hunter, a citizen who also received a leaked copy of the report, said he is "now even more confident that results of investigations that concern our public officials should not be kept hidden."

"It seems only proper that when a citizen discovers and reports abuses perpetrated by those who are in positions of power and authority, the results of those investigations be made public as soon as possible in order to restore our confidence. Should the investigations reveal, as in this case, that misconduct by a public official has occurred, proper actions must be taken to quickly remedy the breach of public trust," he said.

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insurance and capability to pay for their treatment, Villagomez said, forcing the department to absorb the cost.

He disclosed that the individual expenses of these nonresident patients amount to about $4,000 per patient every two weeks. Majority of them, he said, have been on dialysis for a long time now.

Turning these patients away is not an option, though. "These are the folks who come to our hospital to seek treatment and because we are bound by the Constitution, we cannot turn them away. We embrace the duty of providing them the proper care they need," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

CHC, for now, is only making collections on patients covered by the Medicaid program or covered by insurance firms, he said.

He prefers it if other concerned agencies could come up with plan that will help reduce the government's expenses—including that for the nonresident dialysis patients. "We prefer other sectors to address those issues," he added.

Despite the government's tough finances, he said the department is focused on the delivery of services rather than the costs being incurred by the patient.

Esther Muña, deputy secretary for hospital administration, estimates the expenses incurred by these nonresident dialysis patients at $1.1 million yearly, a portion of which they will try to recover from Medicare.

Like in many public hospitals in the U.S., Muña wants to initiate a "charity care assistance" program, expanding on the current Medically Indigent Assistance Program, which provides free or reduced charge care to patients who receive inpatient and outpatient services.

In many states, the charity care assistance program is availed of by patients who have no health insurance coverage or have coverage that pays only part of the bill and meet both the income and assets liability criteria of the program.

"By providing adequate data of Charity Care, CHC can report it in the annual Medicare Care Cost Report and receive credit for providing services for those unable to pay. The whole purpose is to continue providing the treatment the patients need," she said.

JOBS

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Tribune that two sections in the Jobs Act will benefit CNMI schools: the section for teachers' retention and hiring, which may provide $24 million for the CNMI; and the section for school repair and modernization, which may bring in another $12 million. Thornburgh said that PSS is closely tracking any updates on the proposed act.

According to financial consultant Ed Tenorio, the enactment into law of the Jobs Act will save PSS from any shortfall in the coming years. He also identified "rollover" funds from the central government, amounting to $3 million, that could help fill the budget gap this fiscal year. The rollover funds represents the unremitted allotments for PSS last fiscal year, which was supposed to pay for personnel salaries.

PSS was appropriated $32 million in fiscal year 2011 but this was later cut to $28 million. Of the amount, only $25 million was received by PSS for its personnel and operational expenses.

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nomic forum with Chinese governors. In earlier interviews, he said he doesn't necessarily agree with OPA's findings.

Acting governor Eloy S. Inos said yesterday that the OPA report "is restricted in terms of public view under the law and that's how it is unless the governor, of course, decides to [release it]."

"Yes, I'm concerned about the fact that it was leaked. This is serious business, serious stuff," he told reporters during the ribbon cutting for a hybrid solar and wind turbine pole at the parking lot of the Office of the Governor on Capital Hill yesterday afternoon.

Buckingham, in a separate interview yesterday, said he has never hosted a political gathering, has never used his official position to endorse any candidate, and has never directed anyone to vote for any person.

"With regard to a report that may have been leaked or papers that may have been leaked, I haven't seen them, I don't know that any papers are official. I don't know that any such paper may be authentic," he said in an interview at the parking lot of the Office of the Governor.

Buckingham later issued a written statement reiterating what he said during the interview.

Pai has yet to respond to media inquiries. The public auditor went on leave yesterday, and might not be back until next week.

Both Buckingham and Pai are Fitial appointees.

AG's violations

In his two-page letter accompanying the 14-page investigation report, Pai told Fitial and Inos that based on the findings of the report, OPA concludes that the AG's actions violated criminal prohibitions of both the Commonwealth Ethics Code Act and the Commonwealth Election Act.

"Specifically, the AG committed a criminal violation of a CMC 8534(b) by using public time, personnel, and equipment for political campaign activities, and such use was not authorized by law or incidental to other lawful conduct," Pai said in the letter.

Pai also said in the report that the attorney general "committed a criminal violation of 1 CMC 6705 by using the name of a government agency or department to campaign for a candidate for public office."

The report concluded that Buckingham "was aware that the gathering at the Governor's Residence on August 28, 2010, was a hosting event for U.S. Delegate Candidate Joseph Norita Camacho, and that it was a political function."

"The investigation also indicates that the attorney general instructed, and was aware that his subordinate, Frieda Demapan, was conducting the planning for this political function during government working hours. Further, T. [Tina] Sakisat stated that the attorney general instructed her, during working hours, to inform certain staff that the gathering was a political function," the OPA report said.

OPA recommendations

Pai told Fitial and Inos that OPA has independent statutory authority to pursue criminal prosecution of these violations.

"However, after careful contemplation, OPA has determined that the cost of prosecution to the Commonwealth taxpayers would outweigh any potential benefits in terms of enforcing the Commonwealth laws and restoring the public's trust in its government," Pai said.

The public auditor told Fitial and Inos that OPA is instead "currently deferring to and relying upon your good judgment to impose appropriate remedial administrative sanctions."

OPA recommended the following administrative action:

1. Order the attorney general to make a written public admission of the wrongfulness of his conduct and publicly apologize for causing any loss of public confidence in the 2010 election;

2. Order the attorney general to completely reimburse the Commonwealth for any and all legal expenses paid by the Commonwealth for the outside counsel hired in this matter;

3. Issue public admonishment to the AG for his criminal actions;

4. Release the attached investigative report and this letter to the public.

None of these recommendations has been done since the OPA report was released.

"Writer recommends a disciplinary action against Attorney General Edward Buckingham or charge him for (1) Violation of the Commonwealth Election Law 1 CMC 6705(a) and 1 CMC 8534)b) and or (2) make the Investigative Report public and/or to answer the charges against him," the OPA report said.

Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan), one of those who also received the leaked report, said it's "frustrating" that the OPA letter and report "started off strong with serious findings of the AG's violations of laws" but then leaned toward "cost-savings versus prosecuting the AG."

Yumul said the public auditor should have prosecuted the attorney general or anyone who is found violating criminal prohibitions of laws.

"The report is damning. It's disheartening that OPA found the AG in violation. But the AG said he didn't do anything wrong. That's the opposite of what the report says. Who has more credibility?" Yumul asked.

CNMI taxpayers paid $12,940 for the billing sent by a private counsel hired to represent Buckingham in his official and personal capacity in connection with the OPA investigation of the AG's hosting of a delegate candidate last year.

Lawyer G. Anthony Long had a $200 an hour contract with the government to defend Buckingham.

Given his hourly rate and the amount he billed the government, Long worked 64.7 hours on the AG issue from September 2010 to February 2011.

Rep. Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, said yesterday he could not comment on the issue until after his panel meets today.

'No apology'

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP), one of those who filed a formal complaint to OPA and the Commonwealth Election Commission to have the AG investigated, said yesterday that "all of us who saw the video know the truth."

Sablan was referring to the video taken of the Aug. 28, 2010, political gathering at Fitial's private residence.

"The attorney general hosted a campaign party for Joe Camacho at Governor Fitial's mansion. He used government time, personnel, and equipment for political purposes. The attorney general broke the law. If the attorney general had any respect for the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, he would at least offer a public apology," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* when asked for comment on the issue.

He also said: "And if he had any sense of honor, he would apologize to the public employees who were pressured into breaking Commonwealth election and/or ethics laws by their higher ups."

Glen Hunter, one of those who received and read the leaked copy of the OPA report and letter, said the public auditor said it best when he wrote that the AG's "[c]riminal acts and disregard for the rule of law [...] have the effect of seriously devaluing the public's confidence in its government. Rehabilitating public confidence is an important [...] process."

"I strongly urge the OPA to take the needed actions, however difficult they may be, and make every attempt to restore the public's confidence in this issue by appointing a special prosecutor as permitted by law," Hunter said when asked for comment.

CNMI Senate and Bar Association

The CNMI Senate has taken the initiative to have the attorney general investigated by the CNMI Bar Association for alleged ethical violations, mainly in relation to a separate matter when he approved a sole-source ARRA management contract worth almost $400,000.

The same resolution that the Senate adopted also cited concerns about Buckingham's alleged ethical violations when he hosted a political gathering at the governor's house.

Most lawmakers asked yesterday said they have yet to read the leaked report.

Federal officials on island to verify IT&E's use of ARRA grant

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Officials of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration under the U.S. Department of Commerce are currently on island to look at the progress of the multi-million grant it awarded IT&E to increase broadband services in the Marianas.

"We're basically going around Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands in order to look at the investment that we've made through the ARRA grant with the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, called BTOP for short," said Barbara Brown, NTIA federal program officer.

Brown and Norman Davis, contractor support for BTOP, met with IT&E representatives who gave them a tour of the company's operations center, physical sites, and remote stations and gave them updates about IT&E's overall plan throughout the grant program.

Brown said that they awarded IT&E with over $10 million grant, including the $2 million matching funds, "to provide broadband to unserved and underserved portions of the community."

She said that what IT&E did "built out the broadband infrastructure with fiber and microwave in order to provide a much more robust connectivity."

"They're working steadily and on pace in order to complete in time and they've done a fantastic job," Brown told *Saipan Tribune*.

The visiting officials went to visit on Oct. 18 beneficiaries of IT&E's infrastructure upgrades on Saipan such as the Northern Marianas College and various youth centers.

House Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan) and Rep. Edmund S. Villagomez (Cov-Saipan) met with the group at the Garapan Community Development Center on Tuesday.

Brown said it's "incredibly exciting" to see the Garapan Community Development Center facility being able to offer broadband services to students and allowing them to take advantage of after-school tutorials and digital literacy programs, among others.

"It's just a tremendous opportunity to bring the borders of the world down and everyone can be on the same playing field," she said. "They have the opportunity in front of them."

Yesterday, IT&E brought the visitors to their site improvements on Tinian. They're scheduled to fly to Rota today and in Guam on Friday, according to marketing coordinator Brad Ruszala.

Ruszala noted that the project is more than just increasing broadband services to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam.

"It's increasing awareness and helping educate the public and engage anchor institutions on the importance of broadband access," he said.

Ogumoro deems the ARRA grant-funded project as an opportunity to offer more services and opportunities that are "strong and accessible" for the entire community, particularly the youth.

CLARISSA V. DAVID
Federal program officer Barbara Brown of the U.S. Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration, fifth from left, is flanked by IT&E representatives and government officials after a meeting at the Garapan Community Development Center on Tuesday.

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The Garapan Elementary School education awardees pose with their school administrators yesterday. Seated in front are Counselor of the Year awardee Derwin Johnson, Teacher Aide of the Year recipient Walter Mendez, and Support Staff awardee Marcelo Acera. Standing from left are GES vice principal Leila Yumul, Librarian of the Year Matilde Diaz, Teacher of the Year awardee Melissa Mendez, and GES principal Paulette Sablan.

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Mendez leads GES' five outstanding employees for school year 2011-2012

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Garapan Elementary School principal Paulette Sablan and vice principal Leila Yumul recently led the school's staff and students in honoring five personnel who will represent the school in the overall search for the Public School System's outstanding employees.

GES teacher Melissa Mendez was voted by her peers as this school year's Teacher of the Year, the third time she has been honored with the award. An alumna of the Mallards, Melissa has been serving her alma mater for seven years since she began teaching in 2004. A true teacher by heart, she pursued her degree at Northern Marianas College to fulfill her dream to become an educator.

"This is the third time for me but, like the first time…I am really happy for the vote of confidence they have given me. I thank them for recognizing my hard work," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

This year's Teacher of the Year awardee is a fourth grade mentor and a mother of two. She says being a teacher encompasses different roles and expertise. "When you are a teacher, you also serve as a mother and father to all your children. You also serve as their doctor sometimes and their counselor every day. The development of their personality, character, and well-being start in school and we, teachers, play an important role."

Melissa will vie for the overall PSS Teacher of the Year title and if chosen, will represent the Commonwealth at the national level, with the opportunity to meet U.S. President Barrack Obama.

GES bestowed its Teacher Aide of the Year award on Walter Mendez, a 30-year-old father of two. Mendez has served the school's special education program for six years. He recently obtained his degree at NMC and is now a classroom teacher.

"This is my first time to be selected and I am really flattered knowing that my co-workers feel that I did a good job. I am so happy for this honor," he said, describing his job as fun and a learning experience.

He believes that the experiences he gained as a teacher aide for many years will make him an effective classroom teacher.

Derwin Johnson was named as this year's GES Counselor of the Year. He started out as a classroom teacher for GES in 2005 and became a counselor last year, making this school year his second year in the position. This was his first time to be selected for the honor. Prior to completing his degree at NMC, Johnson was previously enrolled in the University of Guam's counselor program. He obtained his master's degree from Framingham University.

Johnson is the sole counselor at GES, mentoring a total of 852 students and their teachers.

When asked what motivated him to become an educator, he said: "During my freshman college years, I observ[ed] great teachers in action. I was inspired not only by the dedication and passion of these teachers but most importantly, moved by the responses and enthusiasm that was evident in the conversations and actual work that the students were engaged with," he said, adding that he saw himself in that capacity and believes that he too can inspire and bring about change.

Matilde Diaz was named the school's Librarian of the Year. She has been serving GES for 18 years since 1994 and has already been twice named as the school's Support Staff of the Year when the librarian position was still under this category.

This was the first time she was selected for the Librarian of the Year category. "I am overjoyed. It [recognition] was unexpected and I am very thankful for the recognition," Diaz said.

This year's Support Staff of the Year is Marcelo Acera, a maintenance worker for 16 years. This year marks his second time to receive the honor. The 56-year-old staffer is father to five children.

Acera describes his work as going beyond the mere maintenance of GES facilities and he makes sure to avail of the workshops offered by PSS for support staff so he could be effective in his role.

Principal Sablan said that all five awardees deserve the honor as they have all demonstrated excellence in their respective fields. "They've been here for many years and these years are testaments to their dedication and effectiveness. They really work hard and they deserve to be recognized. We're very proud of them."

Surge in number of people getting police clearance noted

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The Superior Court is seeing a significant increase in the number of alien workers lining up to obtain police clearances since early this month.

Many alien workers, especially those applying for jobs, are getting police clearance as the Nov. 27 deadline approaches for employers to petition nonresident employees for a CW or Commonwealth-only worker status.

Court staff Dexter Macaranas said the number of people getting police clearances used to average at 50 every day but in the past two weeks about 150 to 200 mostly alien workers would show up per day.

"It keeps us busy, especially on Mondays. One time, one person in a line was getting police clearance for 40 people," Macaranas said.

Jason Kelley, an account clerk at the courts' cashier, also noticed that many alien workers have been getting clearances since the first week of October.

Kelley said he used to collect police clearance fees from less than 100 people in a day, but now he is entertaining up to 200 customers daily.

A police clearance costs $15.

Kelley believes that the sudden increase in the number of people obtaining police clearances started when the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services released the final regulations governing nonresident workers on Sept. 7, 2011.

Dina Calvo, 40, was among those who obtained a police clearance yesterday, believing it to be one of the requirements to get a parole in place.

Calvo said she has an immediate relative status since 2007, but since she currently has no job she must obtain parole in place.

She said she and her husband, who is based in Guam, did not bother to process her "green card" before because she was satisfied with her IR status.

"I never thought that this [federalization] will happen to Saipan," said the mother of two, who also have IR statuses.

Zoning upbeat on proposed changes to Saipan zoning law

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Following their presentation at the Legislature last week, the Zoning Office and its board remain optimistic that the proposed amendments and map changes to the Saipan Zoning Law of 2008 will be approved.

Acting Zoning administrator Therese T. Ogumoro noted, however, that some lawmakers have raised concerns over some of the proposed amendments, prompting them to schedule another public hearing on Friday.

"I'm very hopeful that the committee will be able to review the proposed text amendments and the map after the public hearing and present their findings to the local delegation," Ogumoro told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday. "I hope they would be able to act on its passage to create the 2011 Saipan Zoning Law."

Ogumoro, board chair Diego Blanco, and legal counsel Kate Fuller met with members of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation's Committee on Judiciary & Governmental Operations on Oct. 12 to present the proposed amendments.

Last week's presentation was the second one conducted by Zoning officials at the Legislature. The first was on Aug. 23.

During the presentation, Ogumoro said that Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) recommended that the loop on the San Roque Drive be rezoned to a village-commercial district due to the presence of small stores and apartment buildings in the area.

Rep. George N. Camacho (Ind-Saipan), on the other hand, recommended that the village-commercial zone in Kagman be extended from the Mobil gas station all the way to Kagman High School.

Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) recommended that the village-commercial zone on the strip along main Dandan Road be extended up to the intersection where it meets with Tun Herman Pan Road.

Ogumoro said the Zoning Office is working with the Legislature to see that these recommendations be incorporated in the final text amendments.

She said that during their first presentation at the Legislature, there had been concerns about the proposal to rezone to industrial zoning district the area along Tun Kiyoshi Road in Koblerville and areas around the airport. The area is currently zoned as mixed village commercial and village residential.

Ogumoro disclosed that over 30 water wells currently used for farming activities were also discovered by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and the Division of Environmental Quality in the area.

Because of the concerns and the discovery, Ogumoro said they included in their proposed text amendments certain uses that will be prohibited in the industrial zoning district in the affected area. These uses include gas and fuel wholesale; gas station; light repair; and sanitary landfill.

For the same area, the Zoning Office also proposed that they will permit as "conditional" the following uses: general vehicle repair; manufacturing and processing; warehousing/general wholesaling; mining, asphalt and concrete plants; and transfer station.

Ogumoro disclosed that they did not get any comments regarding the proposals and the village meetings and public hearings they conducted "were poorly attended." "We waited for several months," she added.

Still, Rep. Deleon Guerrero and Rep. Antonio P. Sablan urged postponing any action until a meeting is conducted. JGO Committee chair Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) has scheduled the public hearing on Friday, Oct. 21, from 6pm to 8pm at the Dandan Elementary School cafeteria.

"If it weren't for these additional concerns, a decision would've been made already. But the committee has to hear from the public, especially the landowners, on the proposed industrial zone. They wanted to ensure that the industrial zone uses do not affect the current uses," she explained.

Ogumoro added that public comments in Friday's hearing will also be included in the final text amendments of zoning law.

Get rid of expired prescription drugs the right way

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Federal and local agency officials led by U.S. Attorney for the Guam and CNMI Districts Alicia A.G. Limtiaco and Public Safety Commissioner Ramon C. Mafnas pose for a group photo after a media briefing announcing the CNMI's participation in the National Take Back Initiative and the Red Ribbon Campaign this month.

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To strengthen efforts to prevent prescription drug abuse among the youth, federal and local agencies are teaming up to support the National Take Back Initiative and the Red Ribbon Campaign this month.

U.S. Attorney for the Guam and CNMI Districts Alicia A.G. Limtiaco said in a news briefing yesterday that that they will hold the second National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Oct. 29, from 10am to 2pm at the Horiguchi Building parking lot in Garapan.

A similar event will also be held on Tinian and Rota at their respective health centers.

The event, which is part of the National Take Back Initiative, aims to provide a location where people can bring their unused or expired prescription drugs for proper disposal.

"We ask everyone to go in their medicine cabinets and pull out expired, unwanted or unneeded prescription drugs so that children don't get access to them," said Drug Enforcement Agency agent-in-charge Mike Puralewski, who also noted that proper disposal of drugs entails more than just "flushing" them down the drain.

According to Puralewski, any child's parents and other relatives "may be their child's drug dealer by not securing those dangerous items."

Anthony Raho, director of pharmacy at the Commonwealth Health Center, reinforced the growing health concerns on prescription medication abuse and its dangers to children and the rest of the community.

"We'd like to make the community aware of this concern," said Raho, adding that even medications in patch forms still pose potential risks to any child or adult who comes in contact with it since they also contain active drugs.

Puralewski emphasized that the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day event is anonymous.

"All you have to do is bring the prescription bottle over to the collection location. Nobody is going to ask you any questions. No questions asked at all," he said.

Puralewski said the first National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, held last April 30, amassed "well over 100 lbs" of unused or expired prescription drugs in the Commonwealth. "It was a very successful program," he added.

Limtiaco also advised the community of steps that will stop prescription drug abuse, including removing these prescription drugs from medicine cabinets "and locking them if necessary" as well as taking inventory of all medications in the house "and taking note if anything has been missing."

If your child has been prescribed by the doctor with medications, Limtiaco said that parents should monitor refills and dosages and should "set clear rules" like not sharing, selling, or handing them to anyone.

Limtiaco also underscored the importance of warning one's children and family members about the dangers of taking prescription medication.

"We encourage parents to be responsible in terms of making sure that all prescription drugs are put in a safe place and if they're not in use or not needed anymore, they should be disposed of properly to protect our children from accessing these drugs which may lead to them being harmed," said Public Safety Commissioner Ray Mafnas.

Red Ribbon Campaign

Limtiaco said that from Oct. 23 to 31, the CNMI will also participate in the Red Ribbon Campaign, the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the U.S.

The campaign commemorates DEA special agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena who died in 1985 while doing undercover work investigating a major drug cartel in Mexico.

This year's theme is "It's up to me to be drug-free."

"It speaks to the community's need to work together to prevent drug abuse and most especially drug abuse amongst our youth," said Limtiaco.

Limtiaco said they are looking at conducting drug prevention presentations in CNMI schools.

Japanese businessman donates wind, solar panel

Acting governor Eloy S. Inos led yesterday afternoon's ribbon cutting for a hybrid solar panel and wind turbine that will help cut utility cost and protect the environment, thanks to the donation of Japanese businessman Takeshi Yamada.

The windmill and solar panel, installed on Monday, has since been powering an energy efficient lamp that illuminates the Office of the Governor's parking lot on Capital Hill at night.

Joining Inos at the ribbon cutting were Yamada and Shigeyoshi Kato, special advisor to the governor and lieutenant governor, along with House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), other lawmakers and other government personnel.

Inos said Yamada's donation was made possible by Kato, who has been friends with both Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Inos for years.

In an interview, Inos said the renewable energy project was provided and installed free of charge to the CNMI government and with no strings attached.

David Wu, chief executive officer of Taiwan-based Digimax Innovative products Ltd., said that heat from the sun and energy from wind alone could power up the lamp post. Digimax was the one that supplied and installed the pole, paid for by Yamada.

Kato and Yamada said as friends of the CNMI, they would like to help as much as they can, including making renewable energy available to the islands. They said such system costs $14,000 to $15,000.

Two similar renewable energy posts, donated by other businessmen, were also installed at the parking lot of the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday to Rita Cruz Lizama, who is celebrating her special day today, Oct. 20! Enjoy your special day and may you have many more birthdays to come! God bless and we love you! Greetings come from Leslie Sablan and family, Rosa Skilling and family, Randall, Mona, Marissa, Kay Kay Holiday, friends, and family.

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Mafnas: DPS, FBI continue seeking info on Luhk sisters' disappearance

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Department of Public Safety Commissioner Ramon C. Mafnas said yesterday that DPS and the Federal Bureau of Investigation continue to seek the public's help for information that could help solve the mysterious disappearance of sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk.

In an email to the *Saipan Tribune*, Mafnas said that DPS and the FBI share the Luhk family's deep desire to bring this matter to a closure. "We humbly ask for the community's patience and cooperation," he said.

He declined to release any additional information about the case at this time "to guard and protect the strength and integrity of the case."

Faloma Luhk

Maleina Luhk

As for the human remains found in Kagman last Aug. 14, Mafnas said part of the remains was sent off-island for forensic examination and analysis. He said they received a request for additional remains for forensic purposes.

"That request is currently being processed," he said.

Mafnas said that confirmation by way of forensic evidence, scientific analysis, and medical examination is the most prudent route to determine the identity of the remains, time of death, and possibly the cause of death.

Determining the cause of death is proving difficult, Mafnas said, because of the condition and the disturbance in which the remains were subjected to and discovered under,

"Regardless that we have no forensic evidence to positively identify the remains and make an official determination and final pronouncement at this moment, we respectfully reach out to the family and friends who share the grief and hardship brought about by this tragedy. Please accept our condolences," Mafnas said.

A set of human bones was discovered last Aug. 14 at a residential area in Kagman after a dog dragged a leg bone to a house. Investigators later determined that the bones belong to an old man.

Family members strongly believe that the remains belong to 72-year-old Ricardo Muna Quitugua, who lived in a shack in the area and has since disappeared.

CNMI US ELIGIBLE WORKERS JOB EXPO

This job fair will allow CNMI employers to meet and discuss job openings within their firms with job seekers.

Applicants are encouraged to come prepared to discuss job opportunities with employers. Candidates should bring copies of their resumes, dress for success, and be prepared to tell employers why they should be considered for employment. To register, job seekers and interested employers can visit the main sponsor website **jobs.marianas.us**, the CNMI **Department of Commerce** website at www.commerce.gov.mp, and the **Saipan Chamber of Commerce** website at www.saipanchamber.com.

The job expo will be held on
Friday, October 21, 2011 at the
Multi-purpose Center in Susupe from 8:30-2:00 pm.

Pre-registration is highly encouraged. For more information or to register, please contact Mr. Mark Rabauliman at (670) 664-3002 or via email at elep2011@commerce.gov.mp. There is no charge and everyone is invited to attend.

This event is brought to you by the **CNMI Department of Commerce, Sorensen Media, job.marianas.us, Saipan Chamber of Commerce & the Office of Congressman Edmund Villagomez.**

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 20, 1999

German visitors to promote NMI

The sights and sounds of the Northern Marianas will be seen and heard by 26.6 million listeners all over Germany and its neighboring countries in a first ever telecast in Europe by a major radio and television station. Two editors from Cologne, Germany are arriving today from on Saipan for a five-day visit. Adrea Stopp and Daniela Wiesler will cover Saipan for the weekly cultural travel journal "Sonntagsspaziergang-Reisenotizen aus Deutschland und der Welt", a 90-minute national public radio program. The program features in-depth travel stories that describes the culture, history and the people of destinations they cover. In Deutchse Well International Radio and TV, which is broadcast all over the world, a 20-30 minute feature story of the Northern Marianas will include geography, environment and special focus on the centennial anniversary of the German administration in the NMI.

CPA rejects lower passenger tax plea

The Commonwealth Ports Authority has declined fresh pleas by the Hong Kong Entertainment (Ltd.) to reduce the passenger head tax it charges to Tinian Shipping & Transpiration Inc. aimed at easing the financial woes of its subsidiary. Hong Kong Entertainment, which operates Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino, has been prodding CPA to cut the existing tax rate by $5 to $1 for two years. However, the ports authority thumbed down the request, citing the agency's need to raise revenues in order to reinstate the 80-hour work schedule per pay period of its employees. CPA has cut down the manhours due to declining income.

Oct. 20, 2002

Tinian eyes $5 million civic center

Tinian legislative leaders are working out a $5 million loan application for the construction of Tinian's own civic center. Legislators are looking to borrow the money from the Marianas Public Land Trust to be used for the project's design and construction costs. The proposed civic center is seen to rise on a parcel of land overlooking the San Jose Village. Senate Vice President Jose M. Dela Cruz said last week that the idea to build a civic center is centered on setting up a long-term investment, in a step toward doing away with renting office spaces for the government.

Tudela cuts back on public services

Financial constraints forced Saipan Mayor Juan Borja Tudela to cut back on some public services and projects, as he appealed to the local community to bear with the local government's current fiscal situation. From water and coral deliveries, boom-truck, backhoe and island beautification projects to purchasing heavy equipment parts, all services to the public will be drastically reduced, according Tudela. "My office is absolutely down to its last penny. I have to cut most services until more funding is available. I can't stretch the rubber any longer," said Tudela. "We want to respond to each and every request. But with no dump trucks and essential heavy equipment part, how can we?"

Oct. 20, 2003

PSS moves to rectify 'high risk' grantee status

The Public School System will issue this week a solicitation for the emergency hiring of a federal grant consultant in the wake of the recent classification of the CNMI as a high-risk grantee by the U.S. Department of Education. Board of Education chairman Herman T. Guerrero said the situation calls for an emergency procurement to meet the compliance recommendation outlined by the USDE. "We need to get one as soon as possible. We actually opened this position earlier but it didn't really materialize. Now we have to do the announcement again," he said.

Lottery firm, CGC promote responsible gambling

Local lottery players will notice something new each time they buy play slips to participate in the lottery: A reminder to play responsibly. The Marianas Lottery has linked up with the Community Guidance Center in its effort to instill in its customers the value of responsible gambling by informing persons who may have gambling addition to contact the Center for help. Marianas Lottery general manager Marie P. Coleman the company is very conscious of the social impact associated with gambling addiction so it is doing its part by printing a reminder on the back of its lottery play slips.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW/FHWA-12-RFP-001

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR ROUTE 11 IMPROVEMENTS, Phase II, ROTA, Project No.CM-NH-0011(002)

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed proposals for the Preliminary Engineering Design for Route 11 Improvements, Phase II, on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available because its use is prohibited by Federal Law granting the funding for this project. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-305** of the regulations.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the CNMI Board of Professional Licensing, and must have a Resident Engineer or Principal-In-Charge for the contract Information about obtaining a COA may be requested from Ms. Florence C. Sablan, Executive Director, at (670) 234-5897/5898 or fax (670) 234-6040.

For any contract or subcontract related to engineering or design of a construction project funded in whole or in part with Federal-aid Highway funds, the bid or proposal submitted for the contract, is required to show what the indirect cost (overhead cost not associated with any one particular project defined under 48 CFR §31.203) associated with the project are, to state how the indirect cost figure was reached, and to certify (pursuant to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Order No. 4470.1A that they are allowable costs under 48 CFR §31.2.

The RFP Package and Scope of Work is available on or after **October 20, 201**1 at the Department of Public Works, Office of the Secretary, 2nd Floor, Joeten Commercial Building, Gualo Rai Saipan. A mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Gualo Rai Commercial Building on **November 10, 2011**. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, Building 1353, Mednilla Avenue Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time **November 23, 2011**.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of Completion, which details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

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Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications of the principal(s) and staff assigned to the project – 25%
2. Experience and past performance of the firm(s) on similar type projects – 25%
3. Project Approach – 20%
4. Schedule of Completion – 30%

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These projects are funded in part through a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. Contract award is contingent upon funding approval by the Department of Transportation (DOT).

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for the project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW/FHWA-12-RFP-002

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR TINIAN HAZARD ELIMINATION Project No. Route 21 CM-NH-0021(003), Route 24 CM-NH-0024(001), and Route 27 CM-NH-0027(001)

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed proposals for the Preliminary Engineering Design for Tinian Hazard Elimination on Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW/FHWA-12-RFP-003

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR ROUTE 33 (BEACH ROAD) IMPROVEMENTS, Project No.CM-NH-0033 (023)

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed proposals for the Preliminary Engineering Design of Route 33 (Beach Road) Improvements on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available because its use is prohibited by Federal Law granting the funding for this project. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-305** of the regulations.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the CNMI Board of Professional Licensing, and must have a Resident Engineer or Principal-In-Charge for the contract Information about obtaining a COA may be requested from Ms. Florence C. Sablan, Executive Director, at (670) 234-5897/5898 or fax (670) 234-6040.

For any contract or subcontract related to engineering or design of a construction project funded in whole or in part with Federal-aid Highway funds, the bid or proposal submitted for the contract, is required to show what the indirect cost (overhead cost not associated with any one particular project defined under 48 CFR §31.203) associated with the project are, to state how the indirect cost figure was reached, and to certify (pursuant to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Order No. 4470.1A that they are allowable costs under 48 CFR §31.2.

The RFP Package and Scope of Work is available on or after **October 20, 2011** at the Department of Public Works, Office of the Secretary, 2nd Floor, Joeten Commercial Building, Gualo Rai Saipan. A mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Gualo Rai Commercial Building on **November 10, 2011**. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, Building 1353, Mednilla Avenue Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time **November 23, 2011**.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of Completion, which details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (résumés and experience). The total proposal submitted shall be no more than twenty five (25) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications of the principal(s) and staff assigned to the project – 25%
2. Experience and past performance of the firm(s) on similar type projects – 25%
3. Project Approach – 20%
4. Schedule of Completion – 30%

Sealed proposals must be marked **"DPW/FHWA-12-RFP-003"**. For Proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **November 30, 2011** to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **November 30, 2011**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For Proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 30, 2011** AND must be received no later than **December 12, 2011**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

These projects are funded in part through a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. Contract award is contingent upon funding approval by the Department of Transportation (DOT).

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for the project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW11-IFB-005

ROUTE 31, CROSS ISLAND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE II-B FEDERAL AID PROJECT NUMBER CM-NH-0031 (015)

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the **CROSS ISLAND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, Phase II-B,** Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package consisting of Plans, Specifications and Bid Documents will be available on or after **October 20, 2011** at Pacific Quick Print & Post, located in Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to Pacific Quick Print & Post, is required to defray the cost of printing the package.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118 is not available because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project.

A **mandatory** Pre-bid Conference is scheduled for **November 9, 2011 9:00 a.m.** Chamorro Standard Time (ChST), at the Department of Public Works, Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Gualo Rai Commercial Building, Saipan. After the pre-bid there will be a site visit for Route 31, Phase II-B. DPW encourages prospective bidders to see the existing condition and the complexity of the proposed project.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that the full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division,** 1353 Mednilla Avenue, Capitol Hill, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who have obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgement of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each of the addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at 234-9828/38 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW11-IFB-005**". For bidder within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Chamorro Standard Time (ChST), **December 13, 2011**. Bidders located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Chamorro Standard Time (ChST), **December 13, 2011**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **December 13, 2011**, and must be received no later than **December 27, 2011**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:30 a.m. Chamorro Standard Time (ChST), on **January 4, 2012**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. Chamorro Standard Time (ChST), on **December 13, 2011.**

A bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". For Bid Bonds, surety companies must hold a Certificate of Authority from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner (CNMI Department of Commerce), as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with NMIAC §70-30.3-301 of the Procurement Regulations. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must hold a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Department of Treasury as an acceptable surety and must be authorized to conduct business in the CNMI. In addition, the contractor will be required to deliver a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments or other bond obligations) exceeded the penal amount of each bond.

Compliance with Local and Federal Laws and Other Certifications:

1. Bids shall include a certification from the contractor's principal certifying that the contractor is in compliance of all applicable Local and Federal Laws and that all work performed in accordance with said bid shall be in compliance with Local and Federal Laws.
2. Sub-contractors must also comply with item 1 of this section.
3. Bids shall also include a certification from the contractor's principal certifying that the contractor shall comply with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Buy American Provision (ARRA Title XVI, Section 1605) for all materials purchased utilizing ARRA funds.

Performance time for completion of this project is Two Hundred Forty Days (240) working days upon issuance of an official written Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for the delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed according to table 108-1 of the Standard Specifications for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Projects, FP-96 or One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($1,500.00) whichever is greater.

This project is funded in part by a grant from the American Recovery Act of 2009 (ARRA) through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the FHWA Federal aid Territorial Transportation Improvement Program (TTIP). Contract award is contingent upon funding approval by FHWA.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to bids and waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

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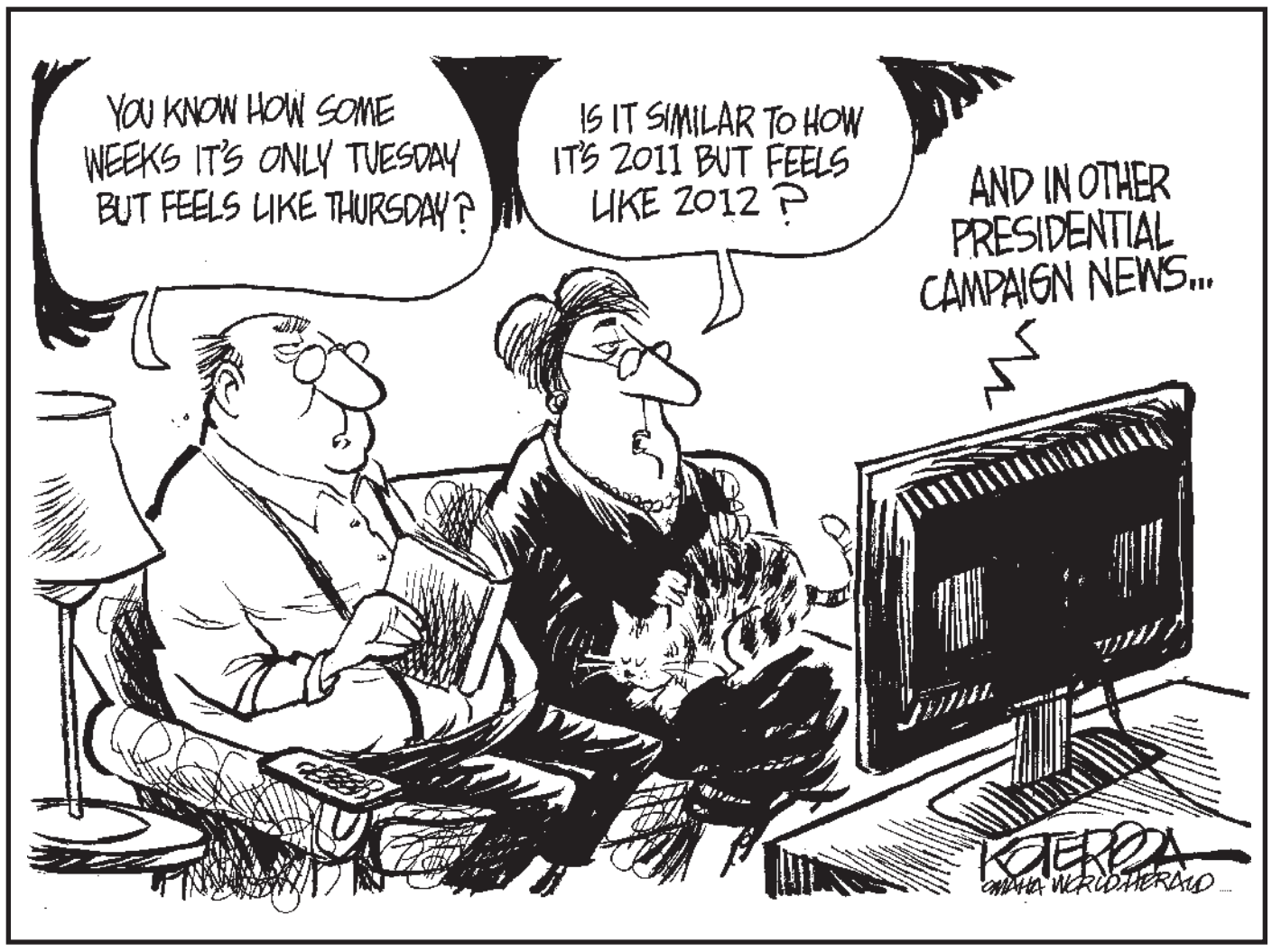
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Let's try to increase access during National Disability Employment Awareness Month

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We're in the midst of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, and such awareness is needed now more than ever in this brutal economy.

Though many persons with disabilities are qualified and want to work, we are unable to join the workplace. Nearly 70 percent of us are unemployed or underemployed, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

There are many reasons for our exclusion from the workforce. Key among them are prejudicial attitudes toward people with disabilities and the lack of accessibility in our society—from a lack of wheelchair ramps to inaccessible transportation.

More than 20 years after Congress passed the Americans with Disabilities Act, disability-based discrimination still exists. Often, employers fear that installing wheelchair ramps, providing assistive technology (such as voice-activated software that can "read" text to visually impaired employees like me) or making other accommodations will prove too costly.

Yet, according to a study conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor's Job Accommodation Network, 56 percent of accommodations had no cost, while the rest typically cost only $500. Far from hurting the workplace the study found, such accommodations can decrease workers' compensation costs, help maintain workers and increase productivity.

Nearly one in five Americans has some type of disability, according to the U.S. Census. Wounded Iraq and Afghanistan War veterans are eager to work. So is your neighbor who has a disability.

We're not asking for special treatment. We just want to bring our skills to the workplace.

"I urge all Americans to embrace the talents and skills that individuals with disabilities bring to our workplaces," President Barack Obama said in his National Disability Employment Awareness Month proclamation. And he promised "to promote the right of equal employment opportunity for all people."

I applaud these inspiring words.

But let's move beyond oratory.

Let's give people with disabilities who are able and willing to work a real shot at getting a job.

Obama, take a page from Reagan

By STEVEN J. ROSS
Los Angeles Times

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Once upon a time, Barack Obama understood the power of a good story. His campaign mantras—"Yes we can" and "Change we can believe in"—inspired voters, especially young people, blacks and Latinos, and propelled him into the White House. But once in office, Obama lost the thread of the plot. He abandoned his original message and embraced compromise and bipartisanship rather than pushing for dramatic change. That narrative hasn't gotten far with a recalcitrant Congress, especially Republicans, who have their own high concept to pitch: Just say no to Obama.

In the run-up to the 2012 presidential election, Obama will undoubtedly look to the Hollywood left for money and endorsements, but he would be equally well served to look to the Hollywood right—especially the legacy of Ronald Reagan—for lessons about how to tell his story and the importance of sticking to it and reinvigorating it when governing became problematic.

From Louis B. Mayer to Arnold Schwarzenegger, the Hollywood right has told a simple but compelling story of American triumphalism: The United States is the greatest nation in the world.

Mayer's Hardy family films, the most successful series in MGM history, promised Depression-era audiences that anything was possible so long as they subscribed to what he viewed as the holy trinity of American life: family, God and country. Several decades later, reporters attributed former actor George Murphy's surprise election to the Senate in 1964 to his successful use of Mayer's optimistic story line. Murphy, a Democrat turned Republican, "makes you feel good," explained one journalist. "He has no doubts, and your own doubts can be resolved."

Schwarzenegger employed his own heroic narrative in his gubernatorial campaign: He was a caring and compassionate populist who promised to tell Democratic and Republican politicians, "Do your job for the people and do it well, otherwise you are hasta la vista, baby."

Few citizens, history shows, want to hear a Jane Fonda, Warren Beatty or Sean Penn point out what is wrong with the United States. They want to be reassured that in frightening times, their leaders can defeat all foes and deliver an essentially happy ending.

Reagan in particular understood this need and created a story line that was effective for campaigning and governing. During his gubernatorial bid in 1966, and his presidential run in 1980, he drew upon a simple narrative that he repeated over and over again—one aimed not only at the Republican faithful but at independent voters who could swing elections and provide the mandate needed for a conservative revolution in government. Reagan merged American triumphalism with messages of fear and reassurance: fear of communism and creeping federal socialism, and reassurance that he and determined conservatives could save the nation by defeating the Soviet Union and overturning the New Deal welfare state.

He campaigned for the presidency on a set of simple but powerful ideas: reduce taxes, return power to state and local government, and fight all enemies of America, foreign and domestic.

Once in office, Reagan ran into trouble when he abandoned his policy promises by raising taxes and increasing the size of the federal budget. Facing a tough reelection campaign, he revitalized his base by adding a new catchphrase that brilliantly restated his story line: "It's Morning in America." Reagan was victorious in 1984 in part because he shifted attention away from his broken promises and focused instead on the vision of a "happy ending" for America, a return to an imagined past of simpler, better days.

To be successful at winning and then governing during a second term, Obama needs to reconfigure his successful 2008 story line. It was, after all, a Democratic version of "Morning in America." Like Reagan, he made citizens believe in the possibility of a better future. But unlike the former president, he insisted that change would come only by embracing an activist federal government that would work to better the lives of all Americans.

In 2012, Obama can learn from Reagan by steadfastly looking to a hopeful future rather than the disappointing past four years. He needs to re-engage his original promise of action. He recently pledged to be a "warrior for the middle class"—that has the right heroic ring to it, if he can demonstrate that he is a determined initiator rather than a weak conciliator.

But mostly, Obama needs to appeal to the imaginations, and even the fantasies, of the widest possible audience; he needs to remind the faithful and independents of what he told them in February 2008. "Change will not come if we wait for some other person or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

Can a restatement of his 2008 story line again win millions of votes, and can it help Obama govern more successfully in his hope for second term? Yes, it can. Poll after poll indicates that Americans want change they can believe in now more than ever. An effective narrative moves voters, and mobilized voters move Congress—as tea party supporters have shown and as Occupy Wall Street activists hope to show. Citizens did this with and for Reagan, and they can do it with Obama—if once again his story inspires them to believe, to act and to vote.

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Your 3/3/33 Solution

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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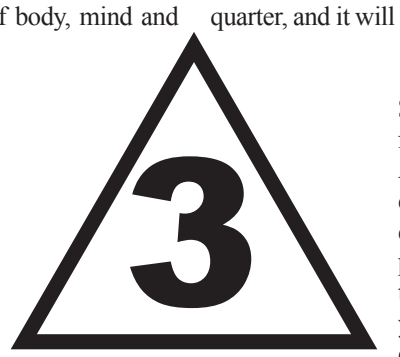
Pythagoras, the Greek mathematician, wrote about the personality of numbers, and claimed to have learned about it from the Egyptians. Mystical qualities have been associated with numbers from ancient times, and the number "3" has a particular fascination. The three primary colors of red, blue, and yellow can be combined to produce all other colors, including white.

The triad or trinity is a symbol of the unity of body, mind and spirit, and it is found throughout the world and history. The triangle is associated with the divine number of three, it is a symbol for power, and it also represents success, prosperity, and safety. The two interlaced triangles known as King Solomon's seal, or more commonly as the Star of David, is called in India the seal of Vishnu. It signifies the bipolarity in nature of spirit and matter. The upward triangle represents spirit, consciousness, and concealed wisdom, while the mirrored downward pointing triangle represents matter, manifestation, or wisdom revealed.



What would happen if you could harness the number "3" to realize greater success and prosperity in your business? Now imagine your business developing to a point where you eventually had no weaknesses, and your combined strengths in each of the seven dimensions would allow you to minimize any challenges and aggressively take advantage of every opportunity available to your business so you could realize continuous breakthroughs in productivity, performance, and profits?

That's what your 3/3/33 solution can do for you. You complete this exercise by simply stating your biggest challenge in a sentence that you and others can focus their thoughts on, and then brainstorm all the possible ideas you can think of to meet the challenge. From that list, choose the top 3 solutions, that when accomplished in 3 months would result in at least a 33 percent improvement.

The good news is that it's not necessary to take massive action each day to achieve massive results—although it may take a lot of effort to get the momentum moving in the beginning. In order to realize the 33 percent improvement in the next 90 days, you only need to improve 0.33 percent each day. Is it possible for you to improve your productivity, performance, or profitability by 1/300th in a 24-hour period?

If you planned your day to accomplish this improvement, you could increase your results much more than 1/3 of 1 percent—probably more like 33 percent in a single day if you really focused your efforts. This would get you off to a great start, but it would be difficult to sustain over a longer period of time; therefore, it's scaled down to an average daily 1/300th improvement.

By setting an easy-to-reach goal each day, and aiming to be consistent in your results over time, you should reap the 33 percent target within three months. By continuing at this pace, the compounding effects will double your results by the end of the third quarter, and it will produce three times more than where you started 12 months earlier!

For example, if you had a starting profit of $100,000 and you increased by 33 percent the first quarter, you would end up with $133,000. As your improvements compounded, the second quarter would yield $176,890 in profits; third quarter $235,264; and by the end of the year your profit would be $312,900. If you could continue that pace you could almost add another zero to your bottom line by the end of the second year, as compared to your starting profits, and after three years, an incredible 3,064 percent or 30 times more!

This may seem unbelievable, and if you continue to operate your business as you've always done, it may very well be impossible. However, by thinking outside the box and setting up the proper strategy, systems, and support to think and act much bigger, you could realize jumps in profitability, productivity, and performance that were once unimagined. In last week's article, you learned how it could be possible to achieve a 33 percent profit improvement with as little as a 1 percent improvement in five areas of your business.

Even if you cut the improvement by one-third to a consistent 10 percent per quarter improvement in profits (which is about 3 percent compounded per month), you would more than double your profits within two years and triple it by the end of the third year.

Applying the principle of continuous and never-ending improvement in one dimension of your business will also lead to improvements in your other dimensions. For example, as you constantly aim to improve the service you offer to your customers, it will increase the number of referrals and sales you enjoy. As you consistently get better in some areas, it will lead to growth in other areas also.

Completing the 3/3/33 solution will help you realize the potential your business has to grow beyond what you might have imagined. This is the step that separates the leaders from just the readers. The power of "3" will allow you to gain more control of the future of your business and all that it can do for you, your employees and your customers. So, what are the top 3 things you can do in the next 3 months to produce a 33 percent improvement?

Killing the American Dream with dangerous myths

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A big part of the American dream is in serious danger—danger fueled by misinformation campaigns that may well lead to terrible policies.

For a long time, owning your own home has been a key part of that dream: One little corner of the world that's yours, a shelter that not only protects your family from the wind and rain, but also from financial storms. That little bundle of equity can make emergencies manageable and a graceful retirement feasible. And there is plenty of evidence that homeownership helps build stable communities.

But that dream is under attack. More and more media voices have joined a chorus saying that "homeownership isn't for everyone," not-too-subtly implying that it's time to keep the riffraff out. They've falsely blamed the subprime mortgage meltdown and resulting recession on efforts to help ordinary, hard-working Americans become homeowners. That chorus grew louder in September 2008, when Fox News host Neil Cavuto infamously blamed the housing collapse on "lending to minorities and risky folks," and has continued ever since.

In fact, research has shown that the problem is not and never was responsible efforts to expand homeownership, such as the federal Community Reinvestment Act. The problem was toxic, trick mortgages peddled by firms that preyed on the unsophisticated. These loans were filled with booby-traps like low teaser rates with payments that skyrocketed a few years later, negative amortization (meaning that the low early payments actually caused the loan principal and total debt to increase), high upfront fees and prepayment penalties.

Many of these bad loans were refinances, sold to longtime homeowners with equity in their homes who simply needed to make repairs or fix a leaky roof. And millions of borrowers got into trouble simply because of recession-induced job losses.

That's what happened to Arlene (who asked me not to use her real name), a Los Angeles homeowner whose husband lost the job he'd had for 38 years. She and her husband struggled to get her loan modified for three and a half nightmarish years. Finally, after coming right to the edge of losing their home, they're in a trial modification and just may pull through, but the experience has been devastating.

Misinformation about the housing crisis has become so widespread that doors to homeownership are closing. Mortgage lending is down, even for trustworthy borrowers. Banks have cut back, and a proposed federal rule could require securitized loans to have a 20 percent down payment—far more than is truly necessary to ensure responsible borrowing. The housing agencies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac—imperfect but nevertheless playing a critical role in making homeownership possible for millions—could be closed and replaced with nothing.

In a report released in July, Morgan Stanley argued that we are heading toward a "rentership society," in part because the drastic cutback in mortgage availability "is severely hindering homebuying."

Attacks on lending to low and moderate income buyers have gone far beyond what's needed to avoid the excesses of a few years ago. This overreaction threatens to close the door to homeownership for millions of hard-working, responsible families.

This is both unfair and unwise. It's unfair because the people who suffered most during the foreclosure crisis never got bailed out, even as the banks got hundreds of billions of dollars in federal guarantees. Now, millions of hardworking families—who often had no connection with the meltdown, except perhaps for losing their jobs in its aftermath—are finding it impossible to become homeowners.

And it's unwise because it will only increase the schisms in a society already profoundly polarized between haves and have-nots. It will close off whole communities from the tangible benefits of homeownership.

If this dream dies, a big piece of America will die with it.

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Letters to the Editor

Accident vs crash

We have to remind our Commissioner of Public Safety for future reference and media coverage when referring to "a vehicular crash" and "a vehicular accident." In highway safety circles, what is referred to as an accident is when the operator of a moving vehicle has no control of the situation. So, in a situation where a vehicle hits a stationary object be it a power pole or flame tree beside the road, it is a "vehicular crash." It would be an "accident" if the power pole or flame tree darts out into the middle of the road and causes the mishap. Then again, if a meteorite suddenly falls out the sky and hits the car without expectation by the operator, this would also fit the "accident" terminology.

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Driver License Study Guide now out

Even though the ISTS-Driver Training Academy closed its classroom facility in Susupe last month, the school is still trying to have a positive impact on the CNMI community.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, ISTS-DTA launched version 1.0 of its CD titled "DTA Driver License Study Guide." Activities on the CD include 14 interactive exams, 26 practice tests, a 78-page manual with an additional 12 pages of practice worksheets, printable blank test answer sheets, and answer keys for each activity.

The target audience for this venture is those individuals who are still struggling to pass the BMV written exam. Links to websites where driver license manuals in languages other than English are also provided.

Those who would like to get a copy of the CD may call 484-0910 or 322-2220.

Richard Puhalla
ISTS/DTA
Owner/Operator

Win-win for everyone

It is nice to hear that there are investors out there interested to invest in the CNMI. Good. Whenever this happens, sharks all around appear to be positioning for spots to bite. Well, at least this appears to be the case in the past.

I hope things change and that the good of the Commonwealth as a whole will be the central focus when dealing with these investors. Many times, we were visited by potential investors only to have them turn their backs on us after realizing the many sharks patrolling both land and sea within our Commonwealth. I believe we learned a lot from the past.

Let's be serious and really look into this particular investor and if it is a win-win situation for the CNMI's economy, we should take them by the hand and follow them through our regulatory system to help them out. We need capital infusion right now. But, of course, if they are here only for there own selfish interest and not much for CNMI economy, then let them out with the sharks to be eaten alive. They deserve it. Investments should always be for the good of both the investor and the CNMI people.

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The Weather

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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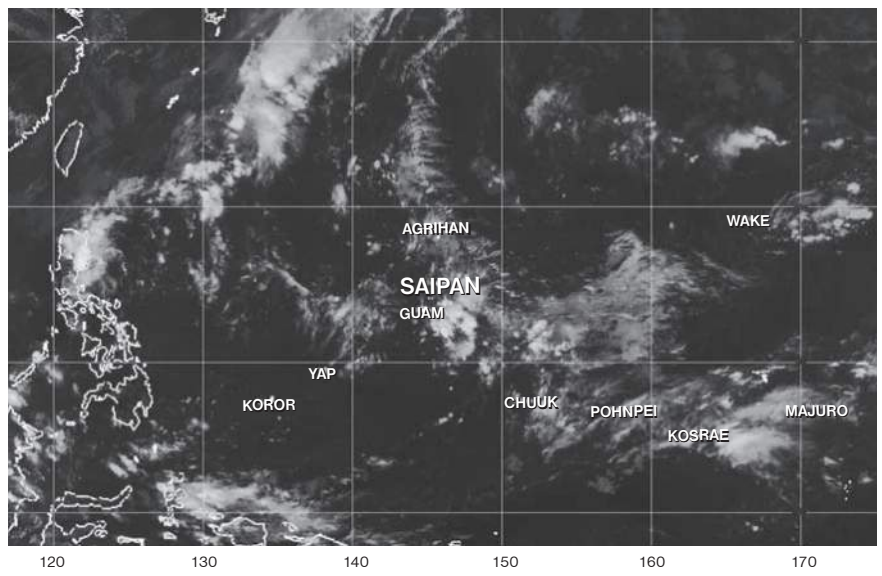
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼77
Palau	RAIN	▲87	▼77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼77
Chuuk	Rain	▲83	▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87	▼72
Kosrae	Showers	▲88	▼76
Majuro	Rain	▲85	▼76

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲64	▼57
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲71	▼50
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲82	▼74
Honolulu	Sunny	▲85	▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲55	▼41
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼54
Manila	Thundershowers	▲90	▼79
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼62
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲81	▼64
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲66	▼50
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲77	▼62
Paris	Sunny	▲53	▼35
Pusan	Windy	▲73	▼62
Rome	Showers	▲71	▼51
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲63	▼49
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼57
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼53
Tokyo	Cloudy	▲69	▼60
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲61	▼49

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2011
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Upper-level lows are centered northwest of the Marianas near 18N141E and east of the Marianas near 17N158E and a surface trough extends from 9N141E northeastward to 14N148E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with these features are occurring within 150 miles of a line from 18N147E to 12N149E to 13N159E east of the Mariana Islands. Another upper-level low centered east of Wake Island near 19N174E is producing isolated thunderstorms between 19N and 21N from 170E to 178E and in a small area north of Wake between 23N and 25N from 167E to 169E. A near-equatorial trough stretches eastward from 5N152E to beyond the date line at 8N. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found across Kosrae and Pohnpei between 3N and 7N from 152E to 170E and well east of Majuro between 7N and 9N east of 179E. A stationary front south of Japan is producing scattered showers and thunderstorms north of 23N from 132E to 135E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

7:03 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
2:38 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
8:19 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:10 AM	5:54 PM
Friday	6:10 AM	5:54 PM
Saturday	6:10 AM	5:53 PM
Sunday	6:10 AM	5:52 PM
Monday	6:10 AM	5:52 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today		12:32 PM
Friday	12:20 AM	1:18 PM
Saturday	1:16 AM	2:03 PM
Sunday	2:12 AM	2:48 PM
Monday	3:10 AM	3:33 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 5, 2011

DEPARTURES

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05062	2:20am	2:50am	1, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05064	4:25am	5:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
C05070	4:25am	5:15am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C05064	4:25am	6:00am	1, 5 via ROP
5K384	7:20am	8:10am	2, 6
C05068	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
C05068	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05074	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05076	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K386	5:50pm	6:40pm	3, 4, 7
C05078	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
5K382	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
C05072	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			
5K212	8:20am	10:55am	4, 7
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:05am	8:30am	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:15am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C05070/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT
C05068/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM
C05076/183	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM
C05076/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C05072/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
5K168	8:15am	11:25pm	1, 5
C05076/179	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
C05064	5:30am	6:00am	1, 5
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
C05062	3:20am	3:55am	1, 5
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
C05062	2:20am	3:55am	1, 5 via ROP
C05069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
5K387	6:30am	7:20am	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
C05071	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C05071	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05073	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05075	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05077	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
5K383	6:30pm	7:20pm	2, 6
C05079	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN			
5K213	11:55am	4:25pm	4, 7
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C0190/5079	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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C0192/5071	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ724/603	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
5K169	1:00pm	8:05pm	1, 5
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0180/5071	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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Attendees and trainers have their picture taken at the conclusion of the Pacific Judicial Council's 2011 Court Interpreter Training on Saipan on Friday.

Pacific courts' interpreters get intermediate training

The 2011 Pacific Judicial Council Court Interpreter Training was recently held on Saipan, concluding on Oct. 7.

Associate Justice John A. Manglona, as acting chief justice, gave the conference's welcoming remarks to more than 30 attendees from the CNMI, Guam, Federated States of Micronesia, American Samoa, the Marshall Islands, and Palau.

Similar conferences for translators have been held on Rota and Guam in the last three years.

This training session was an intermediate level presentation on the principles and techniques of interpreting, focused in part on the duty of the court interpreter to place the non-English speaking person on the same footing in the courtroom with those who understand English. Attendance was limited to those who had previously attended interpreters training and exhibited proficiency in basic interpreter skills.

Featured presenters during the conference were accomplished trainers Debi Tulang-De Silva, J.D., program director of Hawaii's Office on Equality and Access to the Courts, and Dr. Suzanne Zeng from the University of Hawaii's Center for Interpretation and Translation Studies.

Tulang-De Silva has been the project director of the Office on Equality and Access to the Courts at the Hawaii's State Judiciary since February 2005. She has been instrumental in establishing the Hawaii's State Judiciary's very first court interpreter certification program, which has served as a model program for organizations with interpreting needs in multi-languages.

Zeng, a member of the Supreme Court Committee for Court Interpreting for over a decade, has been actively involved in establishing higher standards and certification for Hawaii State court interpreters.

The Pacific Judicial Council, led by its current president, Guam Supreme Court Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido, is composed of court jurisdictions from American Samoa, the Territory of Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of Palau, and the Marshall Islands. The Council conducted the training conference with funding and educational resources coordinated through Sally Pym, Pacific Islands Judicial Programs, Office of the Circuit Executive, San Francisco. ***(Judiciary)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

From left, acting chief justice Alexandro C. Castro, Debi Tulang-De Silva, J.D., Judge David A. Wiseman, and Dr. Suzanne M. Zeng.

Man gets 9 months, 5 days in prison for 'ice' possession, reckless driving

Superior Court associate judge David Wiseman has sentenced a man to nine months and five days in prison for possession of "ice" and for reckless driving.

In a written order issued Tuesday, Wiseman sentenced Anthony D. Villanueva to nine months in prison for illegal possession of controlled substance, with credit for time served.

The 33-year-old Villanueva was also sentenced to 33 days in prison, all suspended except five days, for reckless driving.

After completing his sentence, Villanueva will be placed on supervised probation for two years. He was ordered to pay a $300 fine and $125 in court assessment fee, and to perform 50 hours of community work service.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Villanueva with trafficking of a controlled substance, conspiracy to trafficking a controlled substance, and illegal possession of controlled substance.

In the traffic case, the OAG charged him with speeding, reckless driving, refusal to submit to a breath test, and driving under the influence of alcohol.

Villanueva pleaded guilty to illegal possession of controlled substance and reckless driving as part of a plea deal. The remaining charges were dismissed. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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NELLY DLC. BUMANGLAG, Plaintiff, -v- **LINDA DLC. TOVES, CONSOLATION DLC. TOVES, ANA C. DELA CRUZ, ANTONIO C. DELA CRUZ, RAMON C. DELA CRUZ, JOSEPHINE P. DELA CRUZ, and the Estate of MANUEL T. DELA CRUZ, deceased** Defendants.	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 00-275** **FOURTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Judgment issued by the Court in this matter on January 26, 2009, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Tract No. 21729, situated in I-Denni, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 46,660 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2038/72, registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 7912, dated January 23, 1979.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2011, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale. The minimum acceptable bid is $30,000.00.

DATED, this 28th day of September, 2011:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

Notice of Zoning Board Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan.

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of October 6, 2011 minutes
5. Public Comments

B. Public Hearings
1. None

C. Communications/ Reports

D. Old Business
1. None

E. New Business
1. Update on Saipan Zoning Law text amendments
2. Office operations report

F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact Therese T. Ogumoro, Acting Zoning Administrator, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

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TSL Plaza – up to 6:00pm
Online payment – up to 9:00pm

Business

Social Security to hand out first raises since '09

WASHINGTON (AP)—Social Security recipients will get a raise in January—their first increase in benefits since 2009. It's expected to be about 3.5 percent. Some 55 million beneficiaries will find out for sure Wednesday when a government inflation measure that determines the annual cost-of-living adjustment is released.

Congress adopted the measure in the 1970s, and since then it has resulted in annual benefit increases averaging 4.2 percent. But there was no COLA in 2010 or 2011 because inflation was too low. That was small comfort to the millions of retirees and disabled people who have seen retirement accounts dwindle and home values drop during the period of economic weakness, said David Certner, legislative policy director for the AARP.

"People certainly feel like they are falling behind, and these are modest income folks to begin with, so every dollar counts," Certner said. "I think sometimes people forget what seniors' incomes are."

Some of the increase in January will be lost to higher Medicare premiums, which are deducted from Social Security payments. Medicare Part B premiums for 2012 are expected to be announced next week, and the trustees who oversee the program are projecting an increase.

Monthly Social Security payments average $1,082, or about $13,000 a year. A 3.5 percent increase would amount to an additional $38 a month, or about $455 a year.

Most retirees rely on Social Security for a majority of their income, according to the Social Security Administration. Many rely on it for more than 90 percent of their income.

Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, said the COLA would give a boost to consumer spending next year, amounting to about $25 billion in government support, or 0.2 percent more economic growth, if beneficiaries spend it all. For comparison, last year's 2 percentage point cut in Social Security payroll taxes was worth $115 billion to U.S. households.

"It is not a magic bullet for the economy, but it will certainly be a positive for households on fixed incomes," he said.

Federal law requires the program to base annual payment increases on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). Officials compare inflation in the third quarter of each year—the months of July, August and September—with the same months in the previous year.

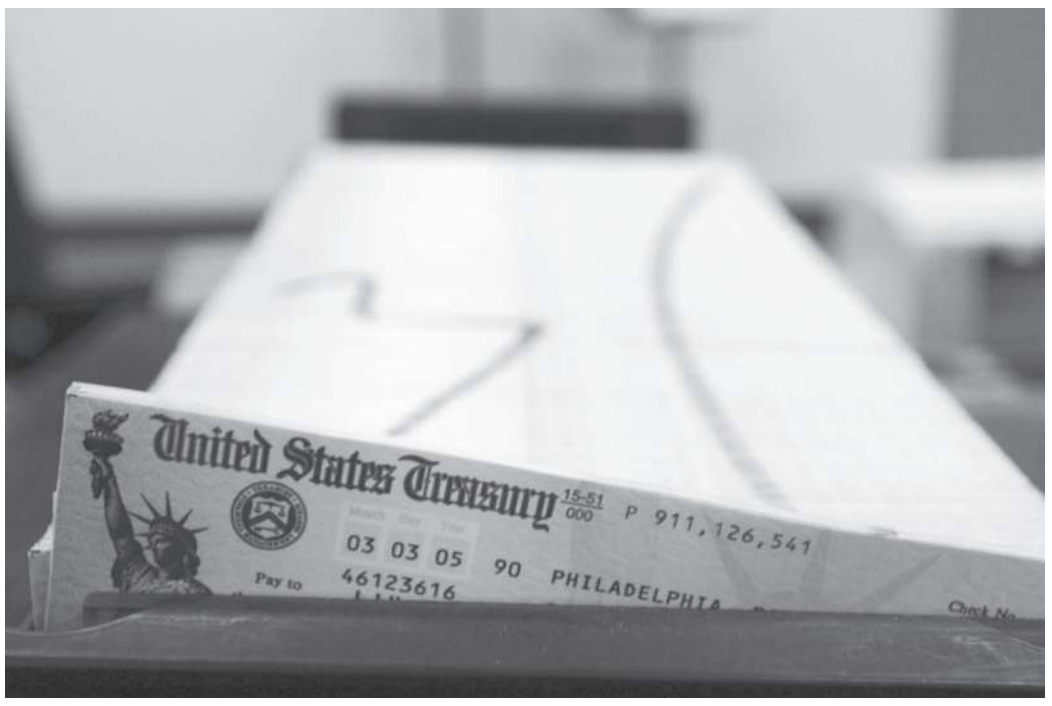
If consumer prices increases from year to year, Social Security recipients automatically get higher payments, starting the next January. If price changes are negative, the payments stay unchanged.

Only twice since 1975—the past two years—has there been no COLA.

Wednesday's COLA announcement will come as a special joint committee of Congress weighs options to reduce the federal government's $1.3 trillion budget deficit. In talks this summer, President Barack Obama floated the idea of adopting a new measure of inflation to calculate the COLA, one that would reduce the annual increases.

Advocates for seniors mounted an aggressive campaign against the proposal, and it was scrapped. But it could resurface in the ongoing talks.

"We're very concerned about that," said Web Phillips of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare. "I think that what this illustrates is the dangers of trying to make Social Security policy in the context of deficit reduction."



AP

In this Feb. 11, 2005 file photo, trays of printed social security checks wait to be mailed from the U.S. Treasury's Financial Management services facility in Philadelphia.

The new normal: Higher bank fees are here to stay

NEW YORK (AP)—Higher bank fees are here to stay. The latest third-quarter earnings reports from this week confirm that banks are struggling to make money the old-fashioned way, by lending money to consumers and businesses. The main reason: interest rates are at historic lows. That makes it harder for banks to charge high rates on loans.

New rules have also curtailed various kinds of traditional fees, costing banks billions in lost income. These fees include overdraft charges on checking accounts and fees for making late payments on credit cards.

So, many of them are making up the difference with fees that aren't covered by the new rules. Bank of America Corp., which reported results Tuesday, has set off a firestorm over its plan to charge customers $5 a month for using their debit cards. Even President Barack Obama has taken the bank to task.

On Tuesday, Consumers Union became the latest to express outrage. The group urged customers to switch to other banks or credit unions if big banks refuse to drop the fees.

"This debit card fee just adds insult to injury," Norma Garcia, director of Consumers Union's financial services program, said. "It's unfair for the banks to stick consumers with a monthly fee just to use their own money."

Making money in the traditional way is becoming tougher for banks. In an effort to make up lost revenue, banks are rolling out new fees across the board:

- Citi will charge $20 a month starting in December to some customers who don't keep a balance of $15,000 or more in their combined checking, savings and investment accounts or loan balances
- Wells Fargo & Co. started testing a $3 monthly fee for debit cards Friday in New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Georgia
- JPMorgan Chase & Co. tested a $3 monthly debit card fee in February in Wisconsin and Georgia- SunTrust Banks Inc. of Georgia introduced a $5 debit card fee for customers with basic checking accounts in June, and
- Regions Financial Corp. of Alabama introduced a $4 fee for debit cards in October.

The fees have become a flashpoint of anger and frustration among the growing numbers of anti-Wall Street protestors. They come in the midst of a tough economic climate where millions of people are unemployed. Some say the fees are a callous response by banks that were bailed out during the financial crisis.

On Monday, activists gathered in Burnside Park in downtown Providence, R.I. called on residents to close their accounts at Bank of America. They accused the bank of "immoral" banking practices.

"They're cheating the American people," said Patricia Phelan, 28, of Providence, who closed her two Bank of America accounts. "They're sneaking fees in."

Guam's bankers at high schools today

» 9 schools join Get Smart About Credit Day in 8th year

HAGATNA, Guam—With community-wide discussion about how much Guam's government could or should be borrowing, local bankers head to Guam's high schools to discuss the prudent use of credit and borrowing.

Bank of Guam, Bank of Hawaii, Citibank, and ANZ head to Guam's high schools today, Oct. 20, to discuss the importance of responsible debt management.

Leading the nation's 8th annual "Get Smart About Credit" Day, dozens of bankers, organized by Bank of Guam, will visit graduating seniors at Guam's schools to talk about credit, how much is needed and how to best manage debt. To date, the following schools have signed up: Notre Dame High, JP Torres Alternative, Academy of Our Lady of Guam, St. John's School, Simon Sanchez High School, Father Duenas Memorial, Harvest Christian Academy, Evangelical Christian Academy, and Temple Christian Academy.

This year, the banks will be joined by members of the Association of Government Accountants as well as the Guam Legislature. The program is nationally sanctioned by the American Bankers Association as part of its financial literacy outreach program. Last year, the volunteer program reached nearly 1,000 high school seniors.

This year, the program is being extended to Saipan, where schools are still signing up.

Bank of Guam president and board chair Lou Leon Guerrero stated: "It is vital that young adults learn about the responsible use of credit and that such decisions have far-reaching consequences. Just like a family, a company and even the government, consumers must be aware of all the costs of credit, including how your future may be challenged by using too much debt now."

For information on signing up, contact Maria Cooper-Nurse at 472-5231. ***(BOG)***

BOH volunteers to provide credit lessons to more than 1K students

HAGATNA, Guam—More than 35 Bank of Hawaii volunteers will take part in the annual "Get Smart About Credit Day" today, Oct. 20.

The BOH volunteers will be teaching a valuable lesson on personal finance to more than 1,000 high school and intermediate students in Guam, on Saipan, in Palau, and in American Samoa.

Get Smart About Credit Day is an annual event where bankers visit local classrooms to share the "credit facts of life" with students. Since it was started by the ABA Education Foundation in 2003 more than 18,000 bankers have reached about 704,993 young people.

The "Get Smart About Credit Day" program teaches young adults how to manage credit, read a credit report, protect personal financial information, and recognize the signs of overspending. These are all important need-to-know facts for anyone using credit for the first time—whether in the form of a credit card, student loan, or car loan. For many students, this may be their only opportunity to receive a personal finance lesson before graduating.

Bank of Hawaii has participated in the program for more than 10 years in Guam, reaching more than 2,500 students. The success of the program has also been extended out to Bank of Hawaii's operations on Saipan, in Palau, and in American Samoa. ***(BOH)***

STOCK PORTFOLIO

LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
11,577.05	1,225.38	2,657.43
+180.05	0.00	+42.51
+1.58%	0.00%	+1.63%

EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

Australian Dollar	0.9688	Hong Kong Dollar	7.7768	Philippine Peso	43.155
British Pound	0.6345	Indian Rupee	49.1525	Singapore Dollar	1.2587
Canadian Dollar	1.0105	Indonesian Rupiah	8835	South Korean Won	1130.07
Chinese Yuan	6.3781	Japanese Yen	76.714	Swiss Franc	0.896
Euro	0.7235	Malaysian Ringgit	3.1045	Taiwan Dollar	30.088
		New Zealand Dollar	1.2513	Thailand Baht	30.625

Nation

ICE deports record number of immigrants in year

MIAMI (AP)—U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director John Morton said Tuesday his agency deported nearly 400,000 individuals during the fiscal year that ended in September, the largest number of removals in the agency's history.

Morton announced the Fiscal 2011 numbers in Washington, saying about 55 percent of those deported had felony or misdemeanor convictions. Officials said the number of those convicted of crimes was up 89 percent from 2008.

Authorities could not immediately say how many of those crimes related to re-entering the U.S. after being deported. Individuals can be convicted of a felony for returning to the U.S. or being found in the U.S. after they were deported.

Among the 396,906 individuals deported were more than 1,000 convicted of homicide. Another 5,800 were sexual offenders, and about 80,000 people were convicted of drug related crimes or driving under the influence. Last year, the total was roughly 393,000.

"This comes down to focusing our resources as best we can on our priorities," Morton said. "We continue to hope for comprehensive immigration reform at a national level, working with the Congress, but in the meantime, we work with the resources we have, under the laws we have."

The announcement comes as the Obama administration has sought to address critics on both sides of the immigration debate. Immigration advocates complain law enforcement officials are spending too much of their scarce resources rounding up families living illegally in the country who otherwise are law-abiding. Others say the administration isn't doing enough to stop the flow of illegal immigration and protect Americans from potential foreign terrorists and other criminals.

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano has said the agency is focusing its resources on criminals, recent border crossers, those who repeatedly cross the border and those people the department considers fugitives.

Authorities say two-thirds of those deported last year either recently crossed the border or had done so repeatedly.

But House Judiciary Chairman U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, an outspoken opponent of Obama administration's immigration policies, called the ICE numbers inflated. He argued they include people who voluntarily agree to leave the country with no penalties and can easily return to the U.S.—especially along the border.

In a statement, Smith added that under the Obama administration, worksite enforcement has dropped 70 percent.

"We could free up millions of jobs for citizens and legal immigrants if we simply enforced our immigration laws," he added.

In 2009, the administration shifted from high-profile workplace sweeps to less attention-grabbing auditing of I-9 forms—the documents used to verify that employees are legally eligible to work in the U.S. The department says the shift better focuses resources on the employers who draw in illegal workers to the country.

In Miami, Susana Barciela, policy director for Americans for Immigration Justice, also expressed concerns about the numbers.

"We are worried because many of the people who are being deported have committed minor crimes," she said.

She mentioned cases in which immigrants were detained and convicted of driving with broken taillights, polarized windows or expired driver's licenses, common among illegal immigrants who are unable to legally obtain or renew their licenses and then are deported.

The Washington, D.C.-based Immigration Forum called the number of deportations a waste of tax payer dollars.

"In reality, the numbers highlight a failure of our government to come to grips with our broken immigration system," the group's statement said.

"At $23,000 per individual to go through the complete deportation process, immigration enforcement without fixing our broken system is not sustainable. We cannot continue to spend billions of dollars, year after year, while denying we have a more fundamental problem-that our immigration system no longer serves America well."

The announcement came the same day two TV networks will air separate shows examining the immigration detention system. "Lost in Detention," on PBS' Frontline, and CNBC's documentary, "Billions Behind Bars," which examines the private prison industry and the detention of immigrants. Immigrant groups in cities across the country have organized viewing parties, protests and other events in connection with the PBS program.

AP

Moises Beneros rides on the shoulders of another marcher as they walk down Elkton Road in Athens, Ala., during a protest against Alabama's immigration law, Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011.

ACROSS THE NATION

Deadly salmon virus raises concerns in US, Canada

SEATTLE (AP)—Scientists in Washington state are working to improve testing of a deadly, contagious marine virus as a precaution, after the virus was detected in wild salmon for the first time on the West Coast. Researchers with Simon Fraser University in British Columbia and elsewhere announced Monday they had found the influenza-like virus in two juvenile sockeye salmon collected from the province's central coast. The virus, which doesn't affect humans, has caused losses at fish farms in Chile and other areas, and could have devastating impacts on wild salmon in the region and other species that depend on them, the researchers said.

Authorities dig up Hells Angels member's grave

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—Authorities who feared quick justice among bikers dug up the grave of a Hells Angels member to look for the body of a Northern California man suspected of killing another gang member during a shootout at a weekend funeral, a police spokesman said Tuesday. San Jose police have an arrest warrant for Steven Ruiz, a member of the Hells Angels' Santa Cruz chapter. He's suspected of fatally shooting Steve Tausan after a fight broke out at Saturday's funeral for Jeffrey "Jethro" Pettigrew, who had been the president of the gang's San Jose chapter.

Senate votes for unlimited potatoes in schools

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate threw its support behind the potato Tuesday, voting to block an Obama administration proposal to limit the vegetable on school lunch lines. Agriculture Department rules proposed earlier this year aimed to reduce the amount of french fries in schools, limiting lunchrooms to two servings a week of potatoes and other starchy vegetables. That angered the potato industry and members of Congress from potato-growing states, who say USDA should focus on the preparation instead and that potatoes can be a good source of fiber and potassium. Following a bipartisan agreement on the issue, the Senate by voice vote accepted an amendment by Republican Sen. Susan Collins that would block USDA from putting any limits on serving potatoes or other vegetables in school lunches.

Woman in basement case investigated in Pa., Fla.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A lack of accountability and follow-through by police and government agencies may have contributed to the plight of four mentally disabled adults authorities say were locked in a basement while a convicted murderer stole their Social Security checks.

Police in Philadelphia and West Palm Beach, Fla., missed opportunities to help one or more of the victims while the woman charged with orchestrating the scheme was legally disqualified from cashing the victims' government disability checks because of her criminal past.

Linda Ann Weston, 51, was charged Monday with kidnapping, false imprisonment and other offenses after her landlord stumbled on the four adults, all weak and malnourished, in a dank, foul-smelling boiler room on Saturday. Her bail was set at $2.5 million.

Also charged were Eddie "the Rev. Ed" Wright, 50, whom Weston described as her boyfriend, and Gregory Thomas, 47.

The three remained jailed Tuesday and couldn't be reached for comment. A lawyer for Weston didn't return telephone calls seeking comment.

Detectives found dozens of identification cards, power-of-attorney forms and other documents. Philadelphia police formed a task force to investigate the case as authorities try to find as many as 50 more possible fraud victims, Officer Jillian Russell said.

Landlord Turgut Gozleveli discovered the victims Saturday morning after he heard dogs barking in the area. The door to the basement room was chained shut, but Gozleveli got inside and lifted a pile of blankets to find several sets of eyes staring back at him. One man was chained to the boiler.

Police identified the victims as Derwin McLemire, 41, of North Carolina; Herbert Knowles, 40 of Virginia; and Tamara Breeden, 29, and Edwin Sanabria, 31, both of Philadelphia.

Knowles was reported missing in Norfolk in December 2008. According to an investigatory report by Norfolk police, Knowles' mental health case worker reported him missing when she couldn't reach him and family members failed to hear from him.

The case worker, who did not return a call from The Associated Press, reported that Knowles' Social Security checks were going to a Philadelphia address. The report said Philadelphia police went by the address and were told no one there had ever heard of Knowles.

$435,000 could help NY protesters endure winter

NEW YORK (AP)—After a month of bashing banks and other corporations, the Occupy Wall Street movement has had to become a money manager itself.

It has $435,000—most of it from online credit-card donations, but $85,000 of it has been donated in person at the Manhattan park that's become the epicenter of the global "anti-greed" protests, said Darrell Prince, an activist using his business background to keep track of the daily donations.

Handling the money, and figuring out what to do with it, could prove to be one of the biggest challenges for a movement united by anger more than by strategy, and devoted to building consensus among activists with wide-ranging goals.

The protesters have been spending about $1,500 a day on food, and also just covered a $2,000 laundry bill for sleeping bags and jackets and sweaters. They've spent about $20,000 on equipment such as laptops and cameras, and costs associated with streaming video of the protest on the Internet.

And they don't just have money donations. They have a mountain of donated goods, from blankets to cans of food to swim goggles to protect them from pepper spray—some stored in a cavernous space on Broadway a block from Wall Street.

Though the money is a pittance compared to the profits of many corporations that the activists blame for the nation's financial woes, it's growing. Roughly $8,000 is now coming in every day just from the lock boxes set up to take donations at Zuccotti Park, Prince said. More is coming through the mail and online.

"It's way more support than we ever thought would come in," Prince said.

The cash flow has forced changes in the "finance working group" that arose spontaneously among the self-governed protesters to handle the movement's money. Buckets were once used to collect park donations, and until recently, a 21-year-old art student played a key role in the working group.

Prince, who has worked in sales, said the group is gaining financial expertise. He said the volunteers they recruit for the work generally "have experience running their own businesses or have worked in the industry."

Asia

Filipino troops search for 10 missing soldiers

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine troops searched Wednesday for 10 soldiers missing after fierce clashes with Muslim rebels left 19 combatants dead and an already-shaky cease-fire in jeopardy.

The daylong fighting on southern Basilan island erupted Tuesday between army special forces—backed by bomber planes and artillery fire—and members of the 11,000-strong Moro Islamic Liberation Front. It was some of the deadliest fighting since 2008, when peace talks bogged down and ignited widespread clashes that killed hundreds and displaced 750,000 people.

The rebels have waged a bloody insurgency for self-rule in the southern Mindanao region, the homeland of minority Muslims in the predominantly Roman Catholic Philippines. The conflict has killed more than 120,000 people in nearly four decades and stunted development of the resource-rich but impoverished south.

Since the clashes in 2008, a Malaysia-led peacekeeping contingent has kept watch to prevent further battles and keep the atmosphere ripe for peace talks.

Regional military spokesman Lt. Col. Randolph Cabangbang said Tuesday's fighting started when troops clashed with armed men believed led by a former Muslim rebel commander, Dan Laksaw Asnawi, who escaped from jail in 2009 and was accused of involvement in the beheadings of marines in 2007.

At least 13 soldiers were killed, 11 wounded and 10 others were missing, he said.

Rebel spokesman Von Al Haq said five rebels were slain. Police reported at least six rebels were killed.

Al Haq said government troops provoked the fighting by attacking the rebels in their Al-Barka stronghold in violation of the existing cease-fire. Army troops shelled the rebel stronghold after the initial clash, trapping villagers in the fighting, he said.

Cabangbang said troops were deployed to check reports by villagers that a group of gunmen known to be holding kidnap victims had strayed in areas close to their communities. He said the troops did not intrude on the guerrilla stronghold, and were about two miles (four kilometers) from it when they were fired upon by the Moro rebels, prompting the troops to fight back, he said.

Under cease-fire rules, government troops should notify the Moro rebels first if they want to venture into guerrilla strongholds in search of criminals to prevent accidental clashes.

Cabangbang said Wednesday that the clashes had stopped and the military had asked a joint government-rebel cease-fire committee to allow troops to search for the missing soldiers in the Moro rebels' Al-Barka stronghold.

Al-Haq, however, said rebels from his group have reported they are not holding any captives. Several army soldiers apparently fled during the clash into nearby communities, he said.

Pakistan: Taliban want peace but must give up arms

QUETTA, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistan's interior minister said Tuesday that some members of the Pakistani Taliban have requested peace talks, but the government would only hold such negotiations if they first surrendered their arms.

The government's stance raises questions about the prospects for talks, despite a recent peace push by parliament. Security forces have been engaged in a bloody war with Pakistan's branch of the militant movement over the past several years, and it is unlikely the militants would give up their weapons as a precondition for negotiations in this environment.

Interior Minister Rehman Malik said there would be no negotiations with insurgents who "held a Kalashnikov (rifle) in one hand."

"The minimum agenda is that they must surrender arms and come forward," Malik said in response to questions by reporters during a visit to Quetta, the capital of southwest Baluchistan province.

Pakistan's government is under some internal pressure to reach a deal with the insurgents, who are mostly based along the Afghan border and who have declared war on the state.

The country held a meeting of all major political parties at the end of September, in which they agreed that the government must attempt to start peace talks. "Pakistan must initiate a dialogue with a view to negotiate peace with our own people in the tribal areas and a proper mechanism for this to be put in place," said a resolution issued after the meeting.

The government has cut peace deals with the Pakistani Taliban in the past, but none of them have held. The agreements have been criticized for allowing the militants to regroup and rebuild their strength to resume fighting against the government and troops in Afghanistan.

Malik said his government has received messages from insurgents who want to begin talks, but he refused to give additional details.

There have been reports in the local media that various Pakistani Taliban commanders are interested in peace negotiations, but they could not be confirmed.

It is not entirely clear where Pakistan's powerful army stands on peace talks with the Taliban. The army has launched several major offensives against the Pakistani Taliban in the tribal region over the past few years, and any talks would need its backing to be successful.

A senior military official said recently that the army is not engaged in any peace talks with the Pakistani Taliban and has not approached the group to enter such negotiations. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Plan to hang 3 for Gandhi killing angers Tamils

CHENNAI, India (AP)—Across most of India the three men on death row for the 1991 assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi are reviled as murderous traitors to the nation. But many Tamils, a major ethnic group in southern India, see things very differently. A recent decision to deny clemency for the three has sparked angry protests and pitted Tamil Nadu state leaders against the central government, testing loyalties in India's multiethnic federation of 1.2 billion people speaking more than 60 languages. "These three people, everybody knows they are innocent," said Veerappan, 37, who goes by one name. He brought his Tamil Liberty Group for the Blind to join a rolling hunger strike in Chennai to save the men on death row. "If they can hang them then they can take anybody off to prison. Tamils around the globe must get informed and join this fight."

Wrong body sent from Malaysia to Indonesia

MEDAN, Indonesia (AP)—The parents of an Indonesian migrant worker who died in Malaysia say officials have flown the wrong body back home. Friends of Simon Petrus Sitepu called his mother and father to say the 22-year-old died after being hit by heavy machinery while working at a palm oil plantation in Malaysia's northern Kedah state. The parents went to the airport Tuesday to collect what they thought was his body, but broke down in tears when they saw it. His father, Bener Sitepu, said it appeared to be that of a 40-year-old man of Indian descent.

World

Israeli soldier emerges from 5 years of captivity

MITZPE HILA, Israel (AP)—Gaunt and pale, Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit returned home Tuesday after more than five years in captivity, freed in a lopsided exchange for hundreds of Palestinian prisoners that could greatly complicate Mideast peace prospects and strengthen the Islamic militant Hamas.

The swap set off massive celebrations in Israel and the Palestinian territories, where crowds in Gaza called for more kidnappings of soldiers, chanting: "The people want a new Gilad!"

The 25-year-old Schalit's poor condition, a jarring appearance by masked Hamas men during his release and the prospects of a strengthened Hamas bode poorly for future relations between Israel and the Palestinians.

By winning the release of hundreds of militants accused in notorious suicide bombings of the Palestinian uprising a decade ago, Hamas reinforced its message that Palestinian goals are advanced most effectively through violent struggle, and not the moderate approach of diplomacy favored by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

"Israel was forced to pay the price," Hamas' supreme leader, Khaled Mashaal, boasted in a meeting in Egypt, where he greeted 40 freed prisoners who were immediately sent into exile under the terms of their release.

To Israelis, the return of a young man whose plight had become a national obsession brought a welcome lift. But for many, especially the family of victims who had lost relatives in Palestinian violence, it carried a bitter taste of justice denied. After being hidden from public view since his capture five and half years ago, Schalit—the first captive Israeli soldier to return home alive in a generation—was whisked early Tuesday across Gaza's border by a group of armed Hamas militants.

AP

A Hamas cameraman stands behind released Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit on the Egyptian side of the Rafah border crossing, Monday, Oct. 18, 2011.

A brief video released by Egyptian TV showed the young sergeant wearing a baseball cap and gray shirt, surrounded by Gaza militants with black face masks and green headbands who then handed him over to Egyptian mediators.

Before he was turned over to Israeli officials, Schalit spoke to Egyptian TV in an interview while masked militants milled around and Hamas' No. 2 leader, Musa Abu Marzouk, hovered nearby.

Israeli officials called the interview "shocking."

Looking wan and uncomfortable, Schalit appeared to struggle to speak at times, and his breathing was noticeably labored as he answered questions asked through an interpreter.

Stumbling over his words, he spoke in Hebrew of missing his family and friends, said he feared he would remain in captivity "many more years" and worried that the deal might fall through after learning about it last week. At times, the questions seemed awkward and even inappropriate.

Noting that more than 4,000 Palestinians are still imprisoned in Israel, the interviewer asked: "Will you help campaign for their release?"

After a long pause, Shalit replied: "I would be really happy that (Palestinian prisoners) are freed, but they shouldn't go back to fighting Israel." Then he added: "I really hope that this deal advances peace and not more military conflicts and wars between Israel and the Palestinians."

WORLD BRIEFS

Yemeni forces kill 12 in new protests

SANAA, Yemen (AP)—Yemeni government forces opened fire Tuesday on protesters in Sanaa, killing 12 and injuring more than 70, a medical official said, a day after the capital witnessed its worst fighting in weeks. Mohammed al-Qubati, the director of a field hospital at the main protest site in Sanaa dubbed "Change Square," said more than 70 protesters were injured in the protests demanding the resignation of President Ali Abdullah Saleh. Tens of thousands of protesters marched through Sanaa, led by shirtless young men with the words "Leave ... you butcher" scrawled across their chests, referring to Saleh, .

Libyans close to total victory over Gadhafi forces

BANI WALID, Libya (AP)—Revolutionary forces celebrated the capture of one Moammar Gadhafi stronghold and closed in Tuesday on the last holdouts in the fugitive leader's hometown of Sirte, putting total victory in their eight-month uprising just a few city blocks away. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton offered millions of dollars in new aid to Libya, encouraging the country's unsteady new leadership to commit to a democratic future free of retribution. "I am proud to stand here on the soil of a free Libya," Clinton said on a visit to the capital, Tripoli. "The United States was proud to stand for you in your fight for freedom and we will continue to stand with you as you continue this journey."

Environment

Study blames global warming for shrinking species

By SETH BORENSTEIN
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WASHINGTON (AP)—From the mighty polar bear to the tiny house sparrow, many of Earth's species appear to be shrinking in size, a new study reports—and its authors think that's probably due to global warming.

But other experts say that conclusion goes too far, blaming global warming for what may be natural changes.

The new research was published online Sunday in the journal Nature Climate Change. It's based on a review of other studies and found that 38 of 85 animal and plant species showed a documented reduction in size over decades, including a type of Scottish sheep that is 5 percent smaller than in 1985. Those studies looked at species over different time periods and in varying numbers.

The shrinking victims, according to the study, include cotton, corn, strawberries, bay scallops, shrimp, crayfish, carp, Atlantic salmon, herring, frogs, toads, iguanas, hooded robins, red-billed gulls, California squirrels, lynx and wood rats.

Two years ago, Scottish researchers made news with the shrinking sheep study. Several studies have shown that polar bears, which rely on sea ice during the summer, also are not as big. And this latest study said the house sparrow's weight has dropped by one-seventh from 1950 to 1990. A bird called the graceful warbler showed a 26 percent weight drop during the same time period.

"There is a trend in a number of organisms across the board from plants to big vertebrates getting smaller," said study co-author Jennifer Sheridan, a biology researcher at the University of Alabama. "The theory is as things get warmer they don't need to grow as large."

Most of these animals are cold-blooded, so the warmer the weather the faster their metabolism is and the more calories they burn, Sheridan said. There's a biological law, called Bergmann's rule, that says that as it gets colder, animals get bigger.

This is the unwritten flip side of it, she said.

But Yoram Yom-Tov, a zoologist at Tel Aviv University whose studies Sheridan used in her research, said many species are shrinking, and you can't blame global warming exclusively.

"Changes in body size are a normal phenomenon," Yom-Tov wrote in an email. "When conditions are favorable, they increase in size or reproduce at higher rates, and when conditions are deteriorating, they do the opposite. I think that most species will adapt to climate change and survive. No need for alarm."

And Stanford biologist Terry Root, an expert in climate change, said the study's conclusions "seem kind of far-fetched."

Twice as much bluefin being traded as quotas allow

BRUSSELS (AP)—Over twice as much of the rare eastern Atlantic bluefin tuna in the Mediterranean is traded than catch quotas allow for, according to a scientific study released Tuesday, further threatening the survival of the dinnertime favorite at sushi bars across the globe.

The Pew Environment Group said that the 141 percent gap between the two last year does not even take into account the black market, which would further highlight the extreme pressure the stocks of one of the world's most expensive fish is under in the Mediterranean.

Pew bluefin tuna expert Lee Crockett said that "the bluefin trade is rife with fraud and misinformation," and called for a change from a corruption-prone paper trail of documents to full electronic boat-to-chopsticks surveillance of the trade by the time the 2012 season opens.

Pew said that the tuna trade above and beyond the catch quotas over the past dozen years amounts to over €2 billion ($2.7 billion).

The European Union's executive Commission immediately underscored the problems regarding the reporting of catches and said it would table a proposal for such electronic surveillance at the Nov. 11-19 meeting of International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas in Istanbul, Turkey.

In the face of commercial extinction, "the question is 'how to change,' and we believe that having an electronic way is better and more efficient," said EU Commission spokesman Oliver Drewes.

Pew said an electronic tracking system could give a bar code to each bluefin caught which would allow the fish to be followed from whet it lands on deck to the overseas consumers.

"An electronic system would provide more accurate information that could be easily shared and cross-checked instantly," Crockett said.

Bluefin tuna in the Mediterranean and eastern Atlantic has become an emblematic fish highlighting the collapse of stocks around the world. A staple of Mediterranean people going back to antiquity, it is now so rare that there was talk to declare it an endangered species.

The warm-blooded bluefin tuna migrates across the Atlantic to the Mediterranean and is prized for its fatty tender red meat, served either raw or momentarily grilled.

Because of its popularity, the Mediterranean stocks have collapsed by some 80 percent over the past 35 years.

AP

In this April 27, 2011 file photo, Atlantic bluefin tuna are surrounded by fishing nets during the opening of the season for tuna fishing off the coast of Barbate, Cadiz province, southern Spain.

Reduce waste in the kitchen

By TERRI BENNETT
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Americans create an average of 4.5 pounds of trash a day and much of it is created in our kitchens. Recycling is one option to reducing all that trash and composting is another. But sometimes there are items that we toss because we don't have a greener solution. Instead of trashing it—reuse it! Here are five of my favorite tips for reducing kitchen 'trash'.

1) EGG CARTONS

Whether the eggs you buy come in paper, foam, or plastic packaging—you can reuse it all. These containers are perfect for preschool art projects, storing and sorting small items like nails and screws or as seed starters. Or, give them to the golfer in the family because each slot is the perfect size to hold and store a treasured golf ball.

2) WINE CORKS

If you are a wine lover, chances are you've thrown a few wine corks away. While you can recycle them at Whole Foods Market and a few other places, there are lots of other ways to give them more life. There are easy ways to turn them into bulletin boards, coasters, or even funky picture frames. They can also be cut into slices and put under furniture to keep pieces from sliding.

3) MILK AND JUICE CARTONS

Those wax-coated milk and juice cartons can be difficult to recycle but there are an endless number of ways to reuse them. They are easily turned into bird feeders that will last outdoors for months. The base of these waterproof containers is also perfect as paint containers for small projects or as seed starters.

4) CEREAL BOXES

A creative project for school-aged kids is to turn a cereal box into an organizer for school papers. Any tall rectangular paperboard box will do. You simply cut off the top and decorate the outside with glued on magazine clippings. The size and shape of the box is perfect for keeping all of their papers in one place where you can find them when needed.

5) PLASTIC FOOD CONTAINERS

All of those lunchmeat, yogurt, or similar plastic food containers with lids are too useful to wind up in the trash. Use them in place of all those plastic baggies to help pack waste-free lunches. You can also use them to store leftovers or for organizing small items throughout your home.

Reducing waste in the kitchen is another simple way to Do Your Part. You can find more information and short how-to videos at DoYourPart.com/Columns.

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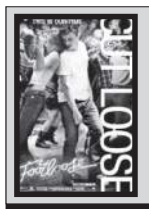

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Kenny Wormald, Julianne Hough
Mucical, Drama • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
Hustle & Flow director Craig Brewer takes the helm for this remake of the popular 1984 musical romance about a big-city teen who moves to a town that has outlawed dancing. Uprooted from Boston and reluctantly transplanted to the small Bible Belt town of Bomont, Ren MacCormack (Kenny Wormald) finds himself in a repressed community still reeling from a devastating loss. Shortly before he arrived in Bomont, five local teens perished in a tragic car accident following a local dance. As a result, the upstanding Reverend Shaw Moore (Dennis Quaid) and the local councilmen passed a strict ordinance outlawing both dancing and excessively loud music.

The Thing

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Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:20	
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Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Ulrich Thomsen
Science fiction, Horror • Rated R

Synopsis
An American paleontologist and a team of Norwegian scientists fight for their lives against a shape-shifting extraterrestrial that can perfectly mimic any living creature in this prequel to John Carpenter's 1982 horror classic. Upon receiving word that the Antarctic research team has unearthed an alien craft, paleontologist Kate Lloyd (Mary Elizabeth Winstead) joins the group to explore what secrets the ship might hold. Though by Kate's estimation the creature inside the spaceship has been dead for centuries, it has actually just been lying dormant in the ice. Perfectly preserved, it has awaited the day when it would finally be freed from its frigid prison; now, after eons of lying in wait, that day has finally come.

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Real Steel

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Hugh Jackman, Dakota Goyo
Science fiction/Drama • Rated PG 13

Dolphin Tales

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Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd
Children's/family • Rated PG

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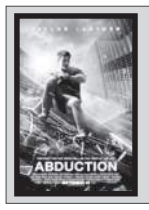
Daniel Craig, Naomi Watts
Thriller • Rated PG 13



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Taylor Lautner, Alfred Molina
Thriller • Rated PG 13

Killer Elite

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Mon thru Thurs		4:10	7:10	

Robert De Niro, Clive Owen, Jason Statham
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Life & Style

Growlers roaring as a new old way to buy beer

By CLARKE CANFIELD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND, Maine (AP)—Ed McAleer likes to drink his brown ale and IPA straight from a beer tap, and he does not need to be in a pub to do it.

When he has a hankering for a draft beer at home, McAleer pours himself a cold one from a growler, a refillable 64-ounce glass jug that he buys from Federal Jack's, a brewpub and restaurant in his hometown of Kennebunkport, Maine. If he is having friends over, he will sometimes pick up two or three growlers filled with different types of beer so his guests can sample a variety.

Around the country, hundreds of brewpubs, breweries and even grocery stores are cashing in on the growing popularity of growlers, a term that dates back more than a century, when people carried fresh beer around in buckets.

"I like the ability to get a draft taste instead of a bottled beer. To me it's a fresher taste," said McAleer, 61, who is retired. "I also can't get some of the beers in bottles. And the price is good."

Most everybody knows beer comes in bottles, cans or kegs. Mention the word "growler" and you might get a blank stare.

But the containers, which look something like moonshine jugs, are catching on, said Julia Herz of the Brewers Association in Boulder, Colorado. Generally speaking, people buy growlers at brewpubs, where they are filled with beer and capped. After they're brought home, the beer will stay good for two to five days once opened.

Some consumers like growlers because they are good for the environment: reusable, so they do not contribute to the waste stream. They also are good for sharing with friends, and the beer is less expensive than when it is bought in pints at pubs, Herz said. In addition, they are nostalgic: the pails people used in times long past to haul beer from a pub to home or to work became known as growlers because of the growling sound they emitted as the beer sloshed about or perhaps from the growling of a worker's hungry stomach just before he enjoyed a beer with his lunch.

But it is the taste that keeps people coming back, Herz said

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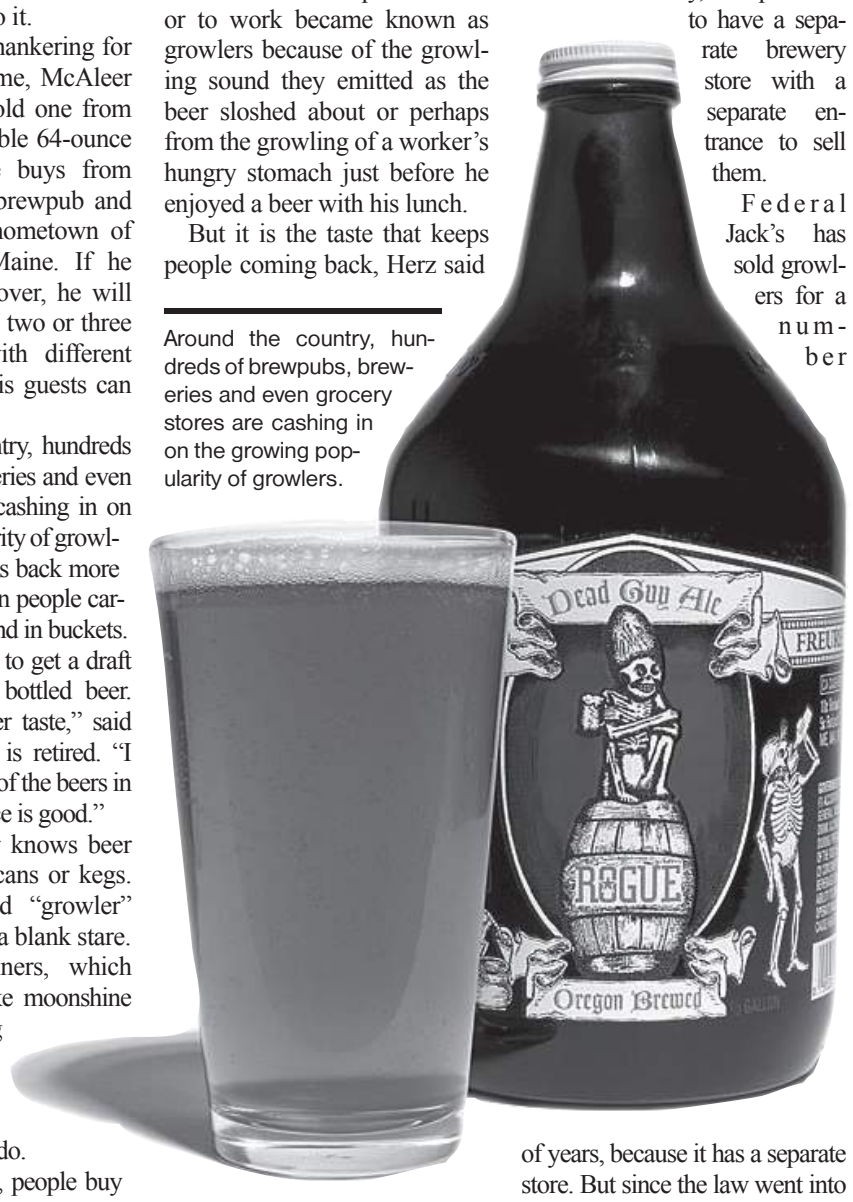

on a recent day when she had in her refrigerator at home a growler filled with 400-Pound Monkey, an English-style IPA made by Left Hand Brewing Co. in Longmont, Colorado.

"What's nice about the growler is you pour it into the glass, and that's the proper way to enjoy all that a beer has to offer for flavor and aroma," Herz said.

Growler sales in Maine have taken off since a new law went into effect two years ago that allows pubs that make their own beer to sell growlers from behind the bar. Previously, brewpubs had to have a separate brewery store with a separate entrance to sell them.

Federal Jack's has sold growlers for a number of years, because it has a separate store. But since the law went into effect, the owner—who also owns Shipyard Brewing Co. in Portland—has started selling them at his four other brewpubs as well, in Eliot, South Portland, Bangor and Topsham, where sales have been brisk.

Gritty McDuff's, a Portland-based beer company with three brewpubs, began selling growlers in May. In the first six months, the brewpubs filled about 1,350 growlers. Customers can buy their first beer-filled growler for $15.99 and get refills for $11.99.

"It's popular both with tourists and our regular customers," said Thomas Wilson, Gritty McDuff's marketing director.

In Pittsburgh, Scott Smith started the East End Brewing Co. seven years ago, making small-batch beers that he sold in kegs to bars and restaurants. Nowadays, growler sales make up about half of his sales, with customers showing up at his brewery—he does not have a brewpub—at limited hours five days a week to get jugs full of his Big Hop IPA, Fat Gary Nut Brown Ale and other varieties so they can drink his beer at home without having to buy a keg.

A couple of years ago, Smith was buying growlers in batches of 2,000 and they would last for about three months. He now buys 4,000 at a time, which last about two months.

"With growlers, you're getting the freshest beer you can get short of putting your head under the tank at the brewery," Smith said. "You're getting the freshest beer we can manage to get to you without giving you the keys to the place for you to come in and drink at will."

Customers also like the prices, Smith said. His growler bottles sell for $3 apiece and refills cost $10 to $15 each, so people can enjoy a pint of high-quality draft beer for about $4, he said.

Whole Foods Markets first got into the growler act five years ago when it began selling them at its Bowery Store in Manhattan, said John David Harmon, the specialty coordinator for Whole Foods' South region. The nationwide chain now has growler stations at about three dozen stores where customers can buy to-go draft beer.

Julian Barnes wins prestigious Booker Prize

LONDON (AP)—It was fourth time lucky for British writer Julian Barnes, who won literature's Booker Prize on Tuesday after a contest that had as many insults, rivalries and bitter accusations as a paperback potboiler. Barnes, a finalist on three previous occasions who once described the contest as "posh bingo," finally took the 50,000 pound ($82,000) prize with "The Sense of an Ending," a memory-haunted novel about a 60-something man forced to confront buried truths about his past after the unexpected arrival of a letter.

Former British spy chief-turned-thriller writer Stella Rimington, who chaired the judging panel, said the 150-page novel "spoke to humankind in the 21st century."

She said it was "almost an archetypal book of our time" that examined the unreliability of memory and how little we know ourselves.

"It is exquisitely written, subtly plotted and reveals new depths with each reading," she said.

Barnes

Barnes, one of Britain's most critically acclaimed novelists, was previously nominated for "Flaubert's Parrot" in 1984, "England, England" in 1998 and "Arthur and George" in 2005. The 65-year-old writer conceded that "in occasional moments of mild paranoia" he had wondered if forces were working against him ever winning.

"I'm as much relieved as I am delighted to receive the 2011 Booker Prize," he said, thanking his publishers "for their wisdom and the sponsors for their check."

Barnes had been the strong favorite to win the award, attracting half of all bets laid through bookmaker William Hill.

He beat five other finalists. Three were British—Stephen Kelman for "Pigeon English," A.D. Miller for "Snowdrops" and Carol Birch for "Jamrach's Menagerie." Two Canadian novels rounded out the shortlist: "The Sisters Brothers" by Patrick deWitt and "Half Blood Blues" by Esi Edugyan.

One of the English-speaking world's most high-profile literary prizes, the Booker is open to writers from Britain, Ireland and the 54-nation Commonwealth of former British colonies. Founded in 1969, it is officially called the Man Booker Prize after its sponsor, financial services conglomerate Man Group PLC.

It always attracts colorful commentary and controversy, but this year's contest has been particularly combative, with critics accusing the five judges of dumbing-down after Rimington said the finalists had been chosen for readability.

The shortlist drew criticism for excluding some of the year's most critically lauded books, including "On Canaan's Side" by Ireland's Sebastian Barry and "The Stranger's Child" by Britain's Alan Hollinghurst.

Sarandon's pope Nazi quip slammed

NEW YORK (AP)—Catholic and Jewish groups are condemning actress Susan Sarandon for referring to Pope Benedict XVI as a Nazi.

The head of the Catholic League says her comment was "obscene" and the Anti-Defamation League released a statement calling on the actress to apologize to the Catholic community for the "deeply offensive" remark. Sarandon, who won an Academy Award for her role in the 1995 anti-death penalty film, "Dead Man Walking," made the comment during an interview Saturday at the Hamptons Film Festival on Long Island.

As first reported by Newsday, Sarandon said she gave a copy of the book on which the film is based to the German-born pope, referring to him as a Nazi.

A telephone call to Sarandon's representative asking for comment was not immediately returned.

Witherspoon shares sexy 'secret' about pal Aniston

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Reese Witherspoon and Jennifer Aniston might be closer friends than anyone realized.

Describing Aniston Monday night at Elle magazine's Women in Hollywood event, Witherspoon said, "you just want to get your nails done with her and you want to make out with her at the same time."

"At least I do," the "Walk the Line" star playfully confessed. "And that's what we do sometimes on Saturdays!"

Aniston was honored at the 18th annual ceremony at the Four Seasons Hotel in Los Angeles, along with Barbra Streisand, Viola Davis, Michelle Pfeiffer, Elizabeth Olsen, Evan Rachel Wood, Naomi Watts, Freida Pinto and DreamWorks chief Stacey Snider.

Witherspoon joked that she gets to enjoy manicure-and-makeout Saturdays with Aniston "because she's my friend, not yours."

AP

Actresses Jennifer Aniston, left, and Reese Witherspoon pose together at the 18th Annual ELLE Women in Hollywood celebration in Beverly Hills, Calif., Monday, Oct. 17, 2011.

Some sales from Bieber's new CD to go to charity

NEW YORK (AP)—Justin Bieber is in the holiday spirit: The singer says he's the first artist on the Universal Music roster to have part of his album sales benefit charity.

Partial sales from "Under the Mistletoe," his Christmas album that is out Nov. 1, will go to various charities, including Pencils of Promise and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"Universal never actually allowed money from the album to go to charity, so it's kind of a unique thing and I'm very happy and proud of what we've done," the 17-year-old said in an interview from Lima, Peru, on Monday.

Universal Music Group is the parent company to labels like Interscope Records and Island Def Jam Music Group, where Bieber is signed to. Universal is also the home to acts like Eminem, Rihanna, Kanye West and Lady Gaga.

Bieber said he isn't sure how much of the sales will go to charity, but thanks his team for helping him achieve his goal of wanting to help others during the holiday season.

"I tell them basically what I want and they kind of go and help me get it done," said Bieber, who will also donate money to various food banks.

"Under the Mistletoe" features collaborations with Mariah Carey and Boyz II Men, among others. He said he wanted to "work with people who had great experiences with Christmas albums."

"They were all great people and fun to be around," said the Canadian-born entertainer, who appears on a "super festive" version of Carey's classic song "All I Want for Christmas."

Chris Brown co-wrote and co-produced the song "Christmas Eve," which Bieber says "all the ladies will like." And there are also tunes featuring Usher and the country trio the Band Perry.

Hip-hop star Soulja Boy arrested in Georgia

TEMPLE, Ga. (AP)—Authorities say hip-hop star Soulja Boy is facing a drug charge after police stopped his rental car in the west Georgia town of Temple on Interstate 20.

Temple Police Chief Tim Shaw tells The Associated Press that police stopped the rented Cadillac Escalade early Tuesday morning because a light wasn't working. He said officers found marijuana inside.

The artist, also known as DeAndre Cortez Way, was booked into the Carroll County Jail on charges of marijuana and firearms possession. He was subsequently released on $10,000 bond.

Shaw said that based on what he knows of the arrest, all five occupants of the car were very cordial.

Carroll County officials say Way was represented by attorney Kip Jones, who had no comment when contacted.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Fashion guru gets the boot on 'Dancing'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Carson Kressley can go back to evaluating wardrobes. The fashion guru was booted off "Dancing With the Stars" on Tuesday night. It wasn't unexpected, given that the judges of ABC's competition had given him the lowest scores for his 1980s-themed routine a night earlier. Kressley dressed in a cheerleader's outfit for his routine with partner Anna Trebunskaya. Remaining contestants are actor J.R. Martinez; reality TV personality Rob Kardashian; actor David Arquette; soccer star Hope Solo; activist Chaz Bono and TV hosts Ricki Lake and Nancy Grace.

Prosecutor to call for jail time for Lohan

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A prosecutor is expected to recommend jail time for actress Lindsay Lohan after arguing that she is in violation of her probation in a theft case. Los Angeles City Attorney's spokesman Frank Mateljan said the recommendation to be made in court Wednesday is based on Lohan's termination from a downtown women's shelter where she had been doing community service. Lohan is due in court Wednesday to update a judge on her probation progress. A city prosecutor is overseeing Lohan's probation in the misdemeanor theft case filed after the actress was charged with taking a $2,500 necklace without permission. Lohan pleaded no contest in May. The 25-year-old actress is now trying to complete the majority of her service with the American Red Cross.

Schwarzenegger back on movie set

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Muscleman-turned movie star-turned California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is back before the cameras. He's on the New Mexico set of "The Last Stand," playing the starring role as a small town border sheriff. The actor posted a message on his Twitter account late Monday saying, "Fantastic first day on the set of The Last Stand. Big thanks to the crew - keep up the great work." The Lionsgate studio says Schwarzenegger plays a former Los Angeles police officer who ends up sheriff of a small border town after a botched operation. The movie is a modern day Western about convicts making their way to the Mexico border through New Mexico after escaping from a Las Vegas prison. "The Last Stand" is being directed by Kim Jee-Woon.

BSB + NKOTB + UK TOUR

LONDON (AP)—The NKOTBSB super-group is going overseas. After their U.S. tour this summer, New Kids On The Block and Backstreet Boys are now booking flights to the UK to play concerts in April. These two boy bands have combined their hit-infested back-catalogues for a show that mixes old tracks, like "Hangin' Tough" and "I Want It That Way," with mash-ups and a new song sung by both groups combined. Jordan Knight from NKOTB said of the announcement: "We're so proud of the show, how it looks, sounds and feels - for us and most importantly our fans. To head back to the U.K. in the spring is an honor and I'm truly excited." NKOTBSB play Liverpool on 23 April 2012 - then take in Manchester, Newcastle, Birmingham and London.

Woman struggling to put happy face on Facebook is not alone

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: "Unsure Out West" (July 26) felt inadequate because she had no upbeat messages to send to her friends on Facebook. Please tell her she's not alone.

I attended a prestigious college, but 35 years later I also find myself with no job, in debt, battling depression and dealing with a host of phobias. I read the school's quarterly magazine and see my peers have great jobs, travel extensively and are happily married. I once sent in "news" that not everyone is so lucky and that I am neither successful nor wealthy. Needless to say, it wasn't published.

When my FB friends ask how I am, I reply that it's a difficult question to answer. I then ask about THEM and let them know I'm glad they're doing well. And when times get bad, I know I can deactivate my Facebook account until I feel better.

UNDERSTANDING "FRIEND" IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR "FRIEND": Thank you for writing to support "Unsure." Many people identified with her feelings. My newspaper readers comment:

DEAR ABBY: As a recovering survivor of severe childhood trauma, I can relate to "Unsure's" situation. I have college degrees, am married to a wonderful man and have two grown children. All my energy went into recovering from what happened to me.

For years I felt ashamed that I hadn't lived up to my potential, but it takes courage to recover from abuse or addiction. People who understand this view individuals like "Unsure" and me as SUCCESSES in the things that really matter.

She should be honest, and as discreet as she wishes. When I have opened up, others have learned the realities of recovery and seen me as proof that it's possible. Too many suffer in silence. They need to know others have sought help and are healing.

I reconnected with a popular, successful high school friend over the Internet and discovered that her adult path was similar to mine. We have been a source of support and encouragement to each other ever since.

WENDY IN TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: While everyone brags about their kids, careers and wonderful lives, don't forget that they too have put a "spin" on things. Nobody's life is perfect. We've all had our share of hardships.

I have been in "Unsure's" shoes for several years (minus the great hubby), but Facebook has given me confidence and enabled me to meet people who share my interests. Accept yourself for who you are. You don't have to hide the truth. Problems with alcohol or depression do not define you.

AMANDA IN ILLINOIS

DEAR ABBY: "Unsure" should get rid of her Facebook page. If she doesn't, she'll continue reading about the lives of her old acquaintances and feel bad about hers.

I'm 19—never had a FB page and never will. Friends have fought over rumors spread there, and I've seen their self-esteem suffer because of the entries and comments of others. Since she has a history of depression, it would be healthier to focus on the positives in her life and eliminate something that makes her feel negatively.

K.V. IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR ABBY: I, too, was well-liked, active and graduated with honors. After college I became sick with a debilitating chronic illness that leaves me mostly homebound. When an old friend reaches out on Facebook, I ask how she's doing, we discuss common interests and I reveal my health struggles. If she wants to know more, she'll ask.

Yesterday I spent the afternoon with a friend I hadn't been in touch with for 17 years until Facebook reunited us. She accepted my limitations and showed incredible compassion and empathy. We caught up on mutual friends, hobbies AND my health. While not everyone will respond that way, it's worth finding those who will.

EMILY IN PENNSYLVANIA

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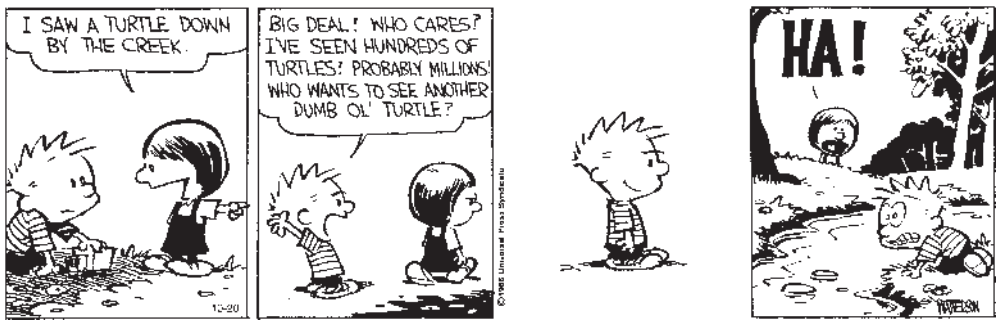
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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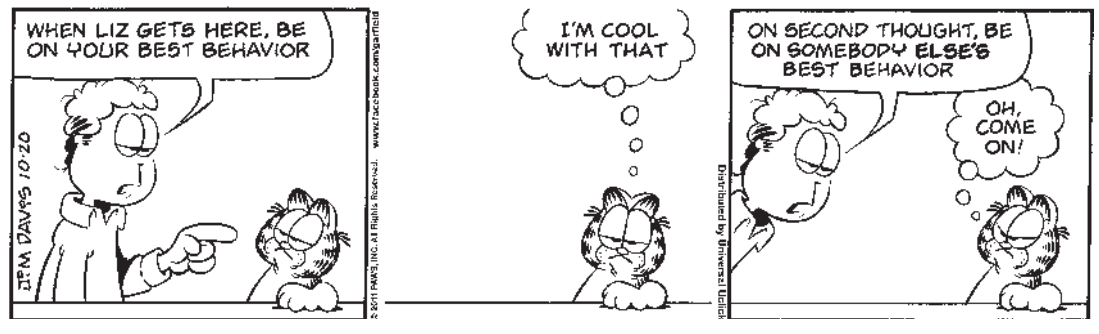
By Jim Davis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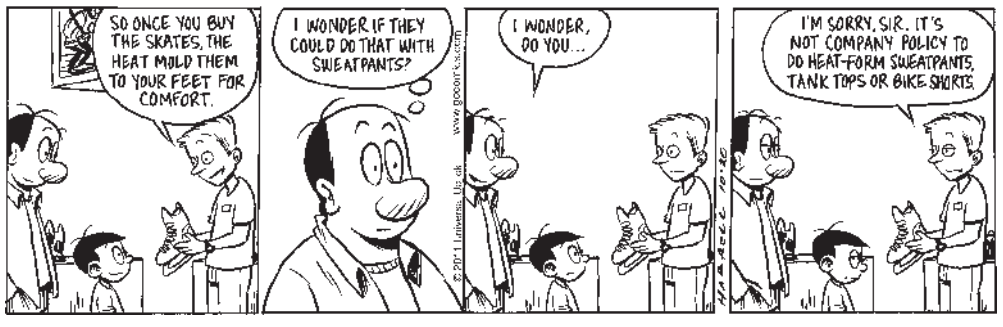
By Bryan Basset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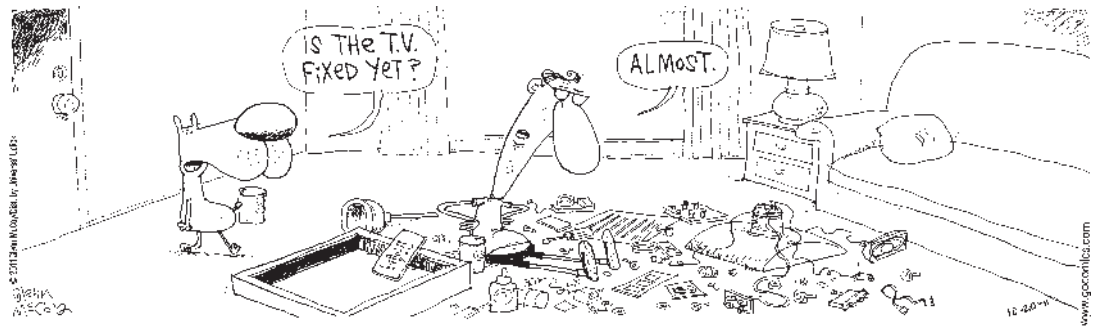
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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34 Lubricant
35 So five minutes ago
36 Beginning
37 Abandoned
40 Island neckwear
41 Cancel out
45 You, once
47 Pooch
49 Off base
50 Eject
51 Commotion
52 Clothing store section
53 Interweave
54 Still
55 Advantage

DOWN
1 Surveillance
2 Mrs. Zeus
3 Reddish horse
4 Remove a twist-off cap
5 Rawboned person
6 Charged bit
7 Small appliance
8 Squirrel's tidbit
9 Ritzy pâté
10 Billboards
11 "Catcher in the —"
19 Can metal
21 Former 8-Down
23 Moor
24 Entice
25 Formerly, formerly
26 "American —"
27 Soft cheese
28 Altruistic
32 Mardi, as in "Mardi Gras"
33 Chess denouement
35 Japanese sash
36 Indivisible
38 Choppers
39 Gold mold
42 Dumbstruck
43 Oriental gang
44 Otherwise
45 Jerry's pursuer
46 Shade
48 Praise in verse

Solution time: 25 mins.

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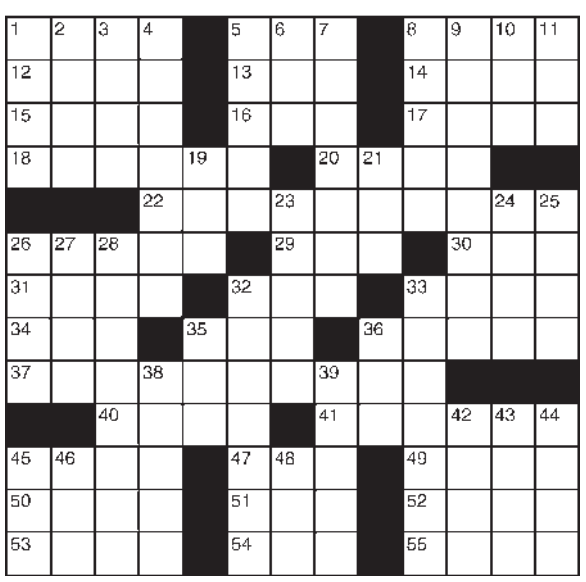
Yesterday's answer 10-20



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: John Krasinski, 32; Snoop Dogg, 40; Viggo Mortensen, 53; Tom Petty, 61.

Happy Birthday: Consistency is essential if you want to accomplish your goals. Don't allow your emotions to be manipulated by someone who has a different agenda. Look out for your interests and make decisions based on how you and the ones you love will be affected. Make a commitment, follow through with your plans and you will be taken seriously. Your numbers are 6, 15, 22, 26, 30, 38, 44.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Self-improvement tempered by discipline and moderation will help you conquer your goals. Someone who has put demands on you in the past may try to do so again. Stop any form of manipulation before it has a chance to stir doubt or cause problems. ✪✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Give a partnership a chance. Whether it is personal or professional, you stand to gain if you are accommodating. Be open about your plans for the future and you will get constructive help fine-tuning your ideas. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Don't donate or give away something that doesn't belong to you alone. Keep in mind that charity begins at home and that you must put family first. Look for an opportunity through an institution, agency or large corporation that can use your services. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): A relationship will take a new direction. Prepare to go with the flow and learn from the experience. A youngster's innocence will help you see a situation clearly. Project happiness and you'll get the same in return. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Protect your assets. Pay off debts that are costing too much in interest. Come to terms with anyone who has the potential to cost you in the future. Make up your mind, set your price and follow through. Close one door and open another. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Unpredictable behavior will cost you dearly in the end. Concentrate on what you can do to improve your life and your personal situation. Consider making a move if it will help you financially. Love is in the stars if you travel or socialize. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Uncertainty will lead to depression if you let someone confuse you or ruin your plans. You have to continue down whatever path you choose, regardless of what someone else decides to do. An uplifting attitude will attract a positive associate. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Don't let emotions dictate when leadership is what's required. Love will play a role in the outcome of a situation you face. There will be no room for jealousy or possessiveness if you want to come out on top. Avoid overindulgence. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Focus on making your life better. Any change you implement will be invigorating, but be careful that you can afford to follow through with your plans before you make any promises. Taking on too much will be your downfall. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Stick close to home and have in place everything that affects your personal and emotional well-being. Nurture important relationships and don't let anyone use guilt to pressure you into taking on responsibilities that infringe on your time off. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Back away and reassess an unwinnable situation. Cut your losses and prepare to move on. Concentrate on securing your assets and improving your lifestyle. Discipline and hard work will pay off. New friendships are in the stars. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Keep the momentum going. Don't let details bog you down. Get someone else to take care of trivial matters. A partnership will be trying if you cannot agree on the way you want thing done. Prepare to move on alone. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are emotional, outspoken, persistent and fixed in your ways.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

	1	5					4	6
				6	7			
		3			1			
4			8					
		7		3		5		
					6			8
			5			4		
			2	7				
7	9					1	3	

Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/20

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

9	3	6	2	8	7	5	4	1
7	8	5	9	1	4	2	3	6
1	4	2	3	6	5	7	9	8
6	7	3	4	5	1	9	8	2
2	9	1	7	3	8	4	6	5
4	5	8	6	2	9	1	7	3
5	6	9	1	4	3	8	2	7
3	1	7	8	9	2	6	5	4
8	2	4	5	7	6	3	1	9

Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/19

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

THE PUERTO RICAN AMAZON **Solution: 9 letters**

R	F	E	D	S	F	L	O	C	K	S	O	U	N	D
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A	A	U	C	(O)	W	B	T	I	R	R	N	C	E	T
B	S	T	R	E	(D)	C	R	C	R	O	P	S	O	I
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O	A	I	T	I	T	I	T	T	N	E	R	E	N	E
I	L	D	T	I	P	P	A	D	E	O	L	E	C	S
S	L	X	R	E	S	V	A	F	V	G	C	T	U	T
Y	E	R	L	R	R	N	I	I	U	T	I	A	B	A
S	E	A	O	E	G	U	B	B	R	U	M	M	A	I
T	G	O	S	E	A	R	F	E	R	S	E	N	T	L
O	S	N	R	O	E	V	E	F	L	E	D	G	E	S
T	O	E	I	H	N	S	E	E	L	Y	N	I	A	R
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Yesterday's Answer: Bateau Mouche

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Anaks Resort Development. Inc. is in need of : 1-Office Manager. Minimum of 5 years experience in Property Management. 1-Maintenance Mechanic, 1-Plumber, 1-Electrician, 1-Commercial Cleaner. Minimum of 5 years experience. Email resume to anaks.office@gmail.com

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Marianas Resort Development Co., Inc. is looking for1-Office Manager, Min. 5 years experience. E-mail resume to covalee12@yahoo.com

U.S. Saipan-China Hotel Co., Ltd. is looking for 1-Operations Manager, 1-Tour Coordinator. Min. 2 years experience in hotel business. E-mail resume to usschotelcolt@yahoo.com

Flower Corporation is looking for 1-Scuba Diving Operations Manager. 1-Scuba Diving Instructor. Must be PADI Certified Min. 5 years experience. E-mail resume to corporation.flower@gmail.com

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1-Manager/Cashier. Salary $5.05 p/h, 1-General Maintenance. Salary $5.05 p/h, 3-Material Handler. Salary $5.05 p/h. If interested please call Julita C. Diaz dba Island Store at 433-3886.

EMPLOYMENT

(1) Administrative Assistant College Level. 5 years experience. CISCO Co. Inc.: email resume to cnmi.cisco@yahoo.com

(1) Sales Representative. Multilingual: Chinese, Japanese, Korean. BFJ Corporation: email resume to cnmi.cisco@yahoo.com

(2) General Maintenance, (1) Commercial Cleaner. 3-5 years experience. Valid Driver's License. Police Clearance Required. San Vicente Estates: email resume to cnmi.cisco@yahoo.com

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1- Computer Technician. $5.05-5.50/h. 5yrs exp. In solving & troubleshooting problems related to desktop computers, laptops, large format printers & different types of computers.

1-Offset Operator. $5.05-5.50/h. 5yrs exp. In operating offset printing machine.

EMPLOYMENT

1-Industrial Engineer.$5.05-6.00/h. 5yrs exp. In solving production problems; develops control systems that help in analysis of costs and planning of finances; develops cost efficient processes; and monitors the general flow of operations.

1-Seamstress. $5.05/h. 4yrs exp. In sewing t-shirts and different kinds of sports uniforms. Please send resume to PO Box 8065 SVRB, Saipan MP 96950 or email at rosal_zest@yahoo.com. (Rosal/Zest Enterprises & United Printers)

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Education: High school level, or an equivalent with at least four years of continued experience in cleaning, child care, or related trades. Must arrive for work on time, all of the time. Must be able to work nights, weekends, and holidays, as required. Must be able to plan and execute work in a self-contained environment. Must be able to read, and write basic English and speak and understand spoken English well. Able to converse in Tagalog or other non-English languages preferred. Additional requirements: All applicants must be of good health and good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must have no criminal history and be able to provide current police and court clearance, must be able to obtain health certificate, must have reliable transportation and must agree to a drug test. Please email complete resume to Seanfrink@gmail.com by October28.

Job Announcement

Sales Operation Manager - $5.05 to $6.70/hr
10 years continued experience with Bachelor's Degree in Sales & marketing. Must have extensive knowledge on consumer products, sales & promotional planning, inventory & budget control and product importation. Must have the ability to handle overall operations of wholesale business. Proficiency in Microsoft Word programs & wholesale software system is a must. Must be available to work anytime needed.

Sales Officer - $5.05 to $5.30/hr
High School graduate or an Associate degree holder with at least 10 years continued selling experience. Must have own reliable transportation. Ability to meet monthly sales target and must have extensive contacts in various industries. Must have extensive knowledge in Japanese and Korean products. Proficiency in Microsoft Word programs & wholesale software system is a must. Must be available to work on weekends and holidays.

Purchasing Agent- $5.05 to $5.30/hr
High School graduate or an Associate degree holder with at least 5 years of experience. Extensive knowledge in wholesale operation, ordering, planning, shipment. Extensive knowledge in Japanese and Korean products, preferred. Proficiency in Korean/Japanese speaking is advantage. Knowledgeable in Microsoft word programs & wholesale software system.

Building Repair & Maintenance / Warehouse worker- $5.05 to $5.30/hr
High school graduate or equivalent with at least 5-7 years experience. Must have extensive knowledge and experience in electrical, refrigeration, carpentry work. Familiar with picking, stacking and releasing of merchandize. Must be able to do some strenuous work with some lifting and carrying of items. Must know how to operate pallet jack and forklift equipments. Must be available to work on weekends and holidays.

Interested applicants submit resume and police clearance at Alpex Saipan Inc. office, across San Antonio Chuch, San Antonio Village. For application to be considered should be sent not later than Oct 25, 2011.

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DBA: KOREA HARDWARE
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) Assistant Manager **Salary: $5.05/Hour**
Can speak/write English, Chinese and Korean Language
College or High School Graduate w/ 10 years experience in a hardware store.
Must be computer literate and have a valid drivers license.
Must be able to provide customer service by greeting, assisting and responding to inquiries and complains.
Must be able to monitor sales activities to ensure that customers receive good service and quality goods.
With knowledge to purchase products local and overseas, Import/Export, Compute Cubic Feet, & OSHA regulations.

(1) Accountant **Salary: $5.05/Hour**
Holders a degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce Major in Accounting. 10 years experience in the field of accounting & in a hardware store. Proficient in MS Excel and MS Word and have a valid drivers license.
Must be knowledgeable in Account Payables/Receivables, Bank Reconciliation, Payroll, Wire Transfer, Withholding Tax, FICA Tax, BGR Tax, Excise Tax and any other taxes required in a company.
With knowledge to purchase products local and overseas, Import/Export, Compute Cubic Feet, & OSHA regulations.
Must be able to prepare Financial Statement Report.

(1) Electrician, Building **Salary: $5.05/Hour**
College or High School Graduate w/ 10 years experience in a field of electricity. Must be computer literate.
Must be skilled in connect wires to circuit breakers, transformers, or other components.
Must be skilled in repair or replace wiring, equipment using hand tools and power tools.
Must be able to play lay-out and installation of electrical wiring, equipment based on job specifications and local codes.

(1) Material Coordinator **Salary: $5.05/Hour**
Can speak/write English and Korean Language
College Graduate w/10 years experience. Must be computer literate and have a valid drivers license.
Must be able to coordinates activities involved with procuring goods and services such as materials, equipment, tools, parts, supplies and advertising for establishments. Must be able to confers with vendors to obtain product or service information such as price, availability and delivery schedule.
Must be able to selects products for purchase by testing, observing or examining items.
With knowledge to purchase products local and overseas, Import/Export, Compute Cubic Feet, & OSHA regulations.

(1) Sales Representative **Salary:$5.05/Hour**
Can speak/write English and Korean Language
College Graduate w/ 5 years experience. Computer literate and have a valid drivers license.
Must be able to works for the customer satisfaction, revenue generation, and long-term account goals in line with the company vision and values. Must be able to assist in the implementation of marketing plans as needed and maintain accurate records of all sales.

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No Phone Calls Please

Job Vacancy Announcement – Chong's Corp.

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- Sells HVACR mechanical, electrical and related equipment, parts, supplies with required professional engineering knowledge and judgment on product recommendation
- Prepares estimates on equipment, parts, supplies or services as needed
- Knowledgeable in Building Management System
- Must be knowledgeable in interpreting plans & specifications and prepare shop drawing

One (1) BOOKKEEPER - Salary $1,200 - $2,500/monthly
- Prepare tax returns, tax payments & financial reports and verify its accuracy and conformance with Standard Accounting principle
- Monitor daily transactions, prepare journal entries and record into Peachtree Accounting program
- Handle customer billings, collections, cash receipts, payment & payroll
- Knowledgeable in Peachtree Accounting program and Microsoft office
- Must have knowledge in air-conditioning equipment and parts ordering system

Four (4) TECHNICIANS-AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION - Salary $5.05 - $8.00/hr
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- EPA Section 608 and R-410A Certification required

One (1) SHEET METAL WORKER - Salary $5.05 - $7.00/hr
- Fabricate, assemble, install and repair sheet metal products and equipment such as ducts, control boxes, drain pipes and furnace casings
- Set-up and operate fabricating machines, soldering and welding equipment
- Must be knowledgeable in interpreting plans and specifications
- All above must possess good communication skill and minimum 10-year experience required

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Job Vacancy Announcement

1 - Construction Supervisor
1 - Carpenter

Must have at least 3 years work experience in construction business.

Interested Qualified US Workers can drop resume to ASC Arch Structure Corporation Chalan Kiya, Saipan

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Dive Marianas Corporation

1 General Manager

Must have PADI License. At least 5 years work experience as Dive Shop Manager.

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Interested Qualified US Workers can e-mail resume to divemarianasinc@gmailcom

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This is to inform the general public, that Raul S. Pineda is no longer employed at Marianas Exchange, Inc. effective October 15, 2011. Any transactions or deals entered by him in our behalf on or after October 15, 2011, will be null and void.

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Opening: October 12, 2011 to October 22, 2011

Job description: Duties include performing audit risk assessment procedures; performing test of internal controls related to financial statement audit in accordance with GAAP in the US and compliance audits in accordance with the applicable standards; performing detailed substantive audit procedures; preparing draft Audit Reports and Financial Statements; and performing compilation, review and agreed-upon procedure engagements.

Qualification: Graduate of BS Accountancy or related degrees, with at least 3 years experience in auditing private, government and not-for-profit organization. **Salary:** $26,500 per annum

Interested applicants may fax their resume at J. Scott Magliari & Co at 670-233-8214 or email at jsm@magliari-cpa.com on or before October 22, 2011.

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Medical Laboratory Technicians (3 positions). Associate degree in Medical Technology or minimum CLIA required course hours for high complexity lab testing. Minimum of 2 years recent work experience in a CLIA certified medical laboratory. Must have work experience in operating Siemens chemistry and ABX hematology systems. Salary range $6.00 to $8.50, depending on qualification and experience. Please submit resume with 2 by 2 pictures at Marianas Medical Center (MMC) in Garapan no later than October 24, 2011. Qualified applicants are required to submit police clearance and drug testing results. MMC is a Smoke Free Work Place.

Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel

P.O. Box 503916 CK, Saipan, MP 96950
Tel: (670) 234-7829 Fax: (670) 234-6534
E-Mail : ckbc1@pticom.com

Newspaper Job Announcement
for Qualifies U.S. Citizen

Position: 3 Cook
Qualification Requirement:
Ideally with a relevant degree or diploma in Culinary Skills, 5 yrs. Experience in a hotel or restaurant with good standards and good hygiene knowledge.

Position: 1 Chef
Qualification Requirement:
Ideally with a relevant degree or diploma in Culinary Skills, 10 yrs. Experience in a hotel or restaurant with good standard and hygiene knowledge. Good problem solving.

Position: 3 Restaurant Team Leaders
Qualification Requirement:
Ideally with a relevant degree or diploma in Hospitality or Tourism management. 5 yrs. Experience in a hotel or restaurant with good standard and hygiene knowledge. Good problem solving.

Position: 2 Waitresses / 2 Waiters
Qualification Requirement:
Ideally with a relevant degree or diploma in Hospitality or Tourism management. 5 yrs. Experience in a hotel or restaurant with good standard and hygiene knowledge. Good problem solving.

Position: 1 Computer Technician
Qualification Requirement:
Ideally with a relevant degree or diploma in Computer Technology. 5 yrs. Work experience in Computer knowledge.

Position: 2 Housekeeping Team Leader
Qualification Requirement:
Ideally with a relevant degree or diploma in Hospitality or Tourism management. 5 yrs. Work expenience as housekeeping assistant with good standard and hygiene knowledge with good problem solving.

Position: 1 General Maintenance
Qualification Requirement:
5 yrs. Expenience in general maintenance job, must know how to do electrical,plumbing, carpentry, building repairs and ground maintenance. Must know how to install, setting up machine and ensure working condition. Worker must have a good and excellent working attitude, responsible and works independently.

Qualifies U.S. Citizens should submit RESUME to Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel Front Office. Or Call (670) 234-7829 for information

HOFSCHNEIDER ENGINEERING, LLC.

Job Vacancy Announcement

Two (2) Project Managers
Experience: 10 years or more
- Demonstrated ability to apply FHWA/FAA/EPA/IBC/ASTM/AASHTO/ACI design and regulatory requirements as they apply to design and construction projects
- Knowledge of construction methods, scheduling and estimating
- Strong background in project and construction management
- Proficient in MS Office, MS Project, Prolog Manager & Converge

Two (2) Project Engineers
Experience: 7 years or more,
- Demonstrated ability to apply FHWA/FAA/EPA/IBC/ASTM/AASHTO/ACI design and regulatory requirements as they apply to design and construction projects
- Proficient in AutoCad, MS Office MS Project, Prolog Manager & Converge

One (1) AutoCad Operator
Experience:5 years or more
- Proficient in AutoCad, MS Office, Prolog Manager & Converge; candidate must have demonstrated ability to prepare civil and structural drawings with supervision from responsible design staff

One (1) Engineering & Administrative Assistant
Experience: 7 years or more,
- Assist Principal Engineer with scheduling of company resources and ability to prepare balanced schedules utilizing staff resources against company's project portfolio; Self-motivated and able to prepare documents in support of Statement of Qualifications and in response to Request for Proposals
- Assist Principal Engineer with project, contract, & risk management issues by performing quality assurance on projects and contracts
- Assist Office Manager with administrative matters
- Familiarity in accounting procedure and able to assist Company accountant

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer

Interested applicants may submit their resume to Hofschneider Engineering, LLC 2nd Flr. JET Building, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950.
Deadline of Submission: October 26, 2011
No phone calls and walk-in interview

MARIANAS BAPTIST CHURCH AND ACADEMY

P.O. Box 500904 Saipan, MP 96950 Tel/Fax No. (670) 234-6508

JOB VACANY ANNOUNCEMENT

JAPANESE TEACHER (Part Time)
Qualifications
- At least 5 years teaching experience in Japanese Language
- Proficient in both oral and written Japanese language
- Willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school
- Adhere to all school policies and procedures
- Be able to teach AP Japanese and related courses

MUSIC TEACHER (Part Time)
Qualifications
- At least 5 years teaching experience in Music
- Willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school
- Adhere to all school policies and procedures
- Be able to teach voice, piano and string instrument

BUILDING MAINTENANCE REPAIRER
Qualifications
- High School graduate
- At least 5 years experience in plumbing, masonry, painting, electrical and ground maintenance
  - Willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school
- Adhere to all school policies and procedures

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE
Qualifications
- At least 5 years experience in record keeping, financial management and bookkeeping
- Proficient in Microsoft computer operation and maintenance
- With good understanding of local and federal tax and educational laws
- With excellent interpersonal communication skills to handle school related tasks
- Willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school
- Adhere to all school policies and procedures

LIBRARY ASSISTANT
Qualifications
- Graduate of a Christian Education Course or its equivalent
- At least 2 years experience in record keeping and library operation & documentation
- Willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school
- Adhere to all school policies and procedures
- Minimum 2 years experience in Christian school
- Communication skills; community parents ethnic group

Interested applicants must submit resume to:
Marianas Baptist Church and Academy, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950

Employer: **Pacific Blue Corp.**
P.O BOX 505701 CK SAN JOSE/Phone: (233-0168)
Contact Person: Ms. Dela Cruz /Mr. Dizon (elvie@pcoutletguam.com)

Job Title: **(1)Computer User Support Specialists**
Qualification Requirements: (5) FIVE YEARS EXPERIENCE
Salary Range: $5.05 /Hourly Full Time (no House Provide)
WORK COMPENSATION AND MEDICAL INSURANCE
Job Duties:
- Performs repairs and analysis of all kinds of computers including Macintosh, computer peripherals and all kinds of printers.
- Install or repair Windows or Macintosh computers with standardized applications and networking software, diagnosing and solving problems that develop in their operations.
- Provide sales quotation(s) of recommended/preferred computer to the customer
- Diagnose defective personal computer & peripheral devices
- Train new users and Diagnose defective Large Format Printer, Repair & Maintenance of Large Format Printer

Job Title: **(1)Computer Network Support Specialists**
Qualification Requirements: (5) FIVE YEARS EXPERIENCE
Salary Range: $5.05 /Hourly Full Time (no House Provided)
WORK COMPENSATION AND MEDICAL INSURANCE
Job Duties:
- Knowledge of circuit boards, processors, chips, electronic equipment, and computer hardware and software, including applications and programming.
- Install or repair Windows or Macintosh computers with standardized applications and networking software, diagnosing and solving problems that develop in their operations and all kinds of printers also rebuilds fuser assemblies for specific laser printers.
- Repairs desktop and laptop motherboards, LCD and CRT monitors, projectors, computer peripherals and other electronic devices by replacing the specific defective parts (i.e. chipsets, capacitors, resistors, fuses, etc.).
- Install, operate, maintain, troubleshoot and resolve open issues related but not limited to network PC's, printers, wireless routers, hubs, switches, modems, LAN, WAN, connectivity, and other network related problems also Outbound jobs.

Job Title: **(1) Computer Service Representative**
Qualification Requirements: (5) FIVE YEARS EXPERIENCE
Salary Range: $5.05 /Hourly Full Time (no House Provide)
WORK COMPENSATION AND MEDICAL INSURANCE
Job Duties:
- Answer questions or resolve computer problems for clients in person, or via telephone or electronically. May provide assistance concerning the use of computer hardware and software, including printing, installation, word processing, electronic mail, and operating systems
- Selling our products by performing excellent presentations, demonstrating professional demeanor, and displaying unparalleled product knowledge
- Should be familiar of point of sale POS software Cyber Matrix software; ICVERIFY software; Plexis Software Plexis POS; Token Works Magnetic Card Reader Spreadsheet, Word processing

PRADA

TRS SAIPAN
Travel Retail Stores
DFS Galleria

Is looking for qualified applicants to fill the following positions:

SALES ASSOCIATE

Qualified individual will report to the Store Manager and must possess the following:

Retail experience required
Japanese and Korean language preferred
Excellent Customer Service skills
Ability to work flexible hours
Commitment to complete required training programs
High school graduate or GED equivalent

We offer attractive remuneration package to commensurate with qualifications and experience. For consideration, please apply in person or forward your detailed resume to:

TRS SAIPAN
PRADA Boutique
DFS Galleria, Beach Road
Saipan, MP 96950
Tel 233-5009 • Fax 233-5008

Successful candidates must submit to Drug & Alcohol Test
Police and Court Clearance required.
We are an EEO Employer.

ST. JUDE RENAL CARE FACILITY, INC.

(2) BUILDING MAINTENANCE & REPAIR ($5.05 to $7.00 per hour)
- Performs a variety of preventive maintenance and repair tasks on the facilities equipment, including some of the more complex repair tasks.
- Performs preventive maintenance and makes routine repairs to electrical, plumbing, security systems, solar panel maintenance and construction with solectria inverter experience.
- Performs rough and finish carpentry work and takes the lead on projects such as building and paneling walls and partitions.
- Maintains and repairs various equipment
- High school graduate or equivalent
- Prefer skills training in electrical, plumbing and other building trades areas
- Extensive work experience with hemodialysis/maintenance/plumbing & construction is required.
- Must have a valid driver's license.

(4) COMMERCIAL CLEANER ($5.05 TO $6.00 per hour)
- Operates various mechanized cleaning equipment, such as vacuums, polishers, buffers, etc.
- Maintain facility in a sanitary and infection-free condition through washing, cleaning and replacement of equipment and furnishings.
- Requires working in damp, dusty and dirty areas. Must clean up human waste and other body fluids, as required.
- Responsible for disposal of trash, waste, and other disposable materials.
- Must handle various cleaning solvents, chemical, etc.
- Damp dust furniture, light fixtures, window, etc.
- Empty trash containers daily.
- Wet mop floors and bathrooms daily. Damp mop all corridor floors, lobby and others daily.
- Report any needed repairs immediately.
- Check entire area for spills, water, etc., periodically, especially in patients' area and lobby.
- Use safety precautions in all housekeeping services.
- Must be able to work flexible hours
- Must have own transportation
- Is required to clean employee's housing prior to and post occupancy.
- Is required to maintain and clean in an orderly manner the Business, Dr's., Accounting, Dietician and Clinic Manager's Offices.

Interested applicants must submit an application or resume to St. Jude Renal Care Facility, Inc., dba Saipan Health Clinic in Chalan Kiya, Saipan or for information, please call 234-2902 and ask for Connie Aldan or Judy Arriola.

Grace Christian Academy
is looking for:

Accountant (2) needed:
Bachelor's Degree in Accounting
5 or more years accounting in
Christian school Proficiency in
Accountrak/School Minder programs

Download application at www.gca-nmi-com
and submit at Grace Christian Academy

Grace Christian Assembly
is looking for:

Accountant (1)
Bachelor's degree in Accounting
5 or more years in Church Accounting
Willing to work on flexible time.

Get application at Grace Christian Assembly,
1:30 to 3:30 PM, Tuesday to Friday.

Hong Ye Trading Company
P.O. Box 502997 Saipan, MP 96950
Vacancy Announcement for
US workers'

3-Mason, 4-Carpenters, 1-Electrician
Minimum of 2 to 5 yrs experience.
Salary $5.05 per hour. Call 235-8748.
Email tomastchong@gmail.com
or call 888-5748

Job Vacancy Announcement
Island Essence Inc. is in need of

1 Operations Manager - at least 5 years experience in bridal design, event planning and floral arrangement.
2 Florist - at least 3 years work experience.
1 Dressmaker - at least 3 years work experience.

Interested Qualified US Workers can fax resume to Island Essence Inc. at 235-2231

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- **Building Maintenance Repairer**
  Minimum 5 yrs experience
  (J Lee Development Corporation)
- **Accountant**
  Minimum 5 yrs experience in
  General Accounting
  (J Lee Investment Corporation)

Mail resume to: P.O. Box 500756 Saipan, MP 96950

JOBEL CORPORATION
P.O. Box 7773 SVRB Saipan, MP 96950
Vacancy Announcement for
US workers'

1-Teacher and 1- Teacher (Assiant)
Minimum of 5 yrs experience.
Salary $5.05 per hour.
Email tomastchong@gmail.com
or call 888-5748

JVA – 3A's Ground Maintenance

PROJECT COORDINATOR
• High School Graduate
• $5.05/hr

Responsibilities: Prepare working schedule, time sheet, payroll, monthly income statement, quarterly income BGRT and withholding taxes. Prepare Bid schedule and Bid documents, in accordance with scope of works and specifications. Supervise workers; enforce safety practices to ensure OSHA compliance. This position requires knowledge and experience about construction and renovation projects.

Interested US applicant send resume to
P.O. Box 502302, Saipan, MP 96950

DKSH Saipan, Inc.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(3) Part-time Sales Associates
3 yrs experience and High School graduate required.

Submit your resume via email to caronel@saipan.com or apply in person at Caronel Watch Center in Garapan.

CMLC ARTHA CO., LTD.
Vacancy Announcement

1-General Manager. Salary $1800 - $2500 p/m. 2 years management experience. Professional Scuba Diving Instructor License preferred. Proficient in English & Japangese (reading, writing, speaking)

1-Scuba Diving Instructor. Salary $1200 - $1800 p/m. 2 years experience as a professional scuba diving. Professional Scuba Diving Instructor License required. Reading and writing foreign language preferred.

1-Dive Master/Helper. Salary $1000 - $1400 p/m. 2 years experience in scuba diving. Professional Scuba Diving Instructor License required. Reading and writing foreign language preferred.

Interested U.S. applicants, may email resume to Edward@miona-usa.com

HARDT EYE CLINIC
P.O. Box 504768 Saipan, MP 96950

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(TWO) 2 - REGISTERED NURSE
(ONE) 1 - LICENSE PRACTICAL NURSE
(ONE) 1 - CLEANER
(TWO) 2 - NURSING ASSISTANT
(TWO) 2 - OPTICIAN
(TWO) 2 - ACCOUNTANT

Please submit your resume at Hardt Eye Clinic. Phone number 235-2030/31

Horizons, Inc.
US Eligible Workers Only

Bookkeeper (1)
Sales Supervisor (1)
Accounts Receivable Clerk (1)
Accounts Payable Clerk (1)
- minimum 5 years experience
- Must be proficient in Peach Tree accounting software

Route Sales Person (3)
- minimum 3 years experience in sales
- Knowledgeable in selling Philippine products

Commercial Cleaner (1)
- minimum 3 years experience

Delivery Driver (1)
- able to drive 6-wheel cargo truck with 3 tons capacity
- minimum 3 years experience

Maintenance/Repair Worker (1)
- minimum of 3 years experience
- knowledge in carpentry & welding works

Automotive Body and Related Repairer (1)
- minimum of 5 years experience

Interested persons send current resume to:
horizons87.hrd@gmail.com

Submit application no later than Oct. 29, 2011
at Horizons Inc. Tanapag, Saipan
No Phone Calls Please

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

1 Ref. A/C Technician - $5.05/hr
5 years experience
Must have knowledge in Electronic Appliances.

1 Construction Supervisor -
$5.05-$5.50/hr
5 years experience

1 Commercial Cleaner - $5.05/hr
5 years experience
Must have knowledge in Electronics & A/C parts.

Email resume to
ynadjoy@yahoo.com
Tel: 989-2668

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Accountant-$5.75/hr
Knowledge in Peach Tree Accounting. 5 yrs of experience required

Building Repairer/Maintenance-$5.05/hr
10 yrs experience

Rod/Reel Repairer/Maintenance-$5.05/hr
5 yrs experience

Gun/Rifle Repairer/Maintenance-$5.05/hr
5 yrs experience

Administrative Assistant-$5.05/hr
5 yrs experience. Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with experience in bookkeeping

Applicants must be able to work flexible hours and must have a valid CNMI driver's license

Please email resume to fishing@saipan.com no later than October 27, 2011

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) Home Office and Child Care Worker $5.05/hr.

Must be able to schedule clients, attend to business calls/inquiries, and clean scuba diving equipment. Minimum of 3 years experience attending to children with special needs and assisting in implementing an individualized behavior and learning plan. Must be knowledgeable of CPR, must have strong organizational and self-management skills and must be available to work in evenings and weekends.

Background checks will be required prior to employment. For applications to be considered, please mail your resume to saipan.scuba@gmail.com by October 27, 2011.

TINIAN FUEL SERVICES, INC
P.O. Box 520800, Tinian, MP 96952 Tel. (670) 433-4427; Fax. (670) 433-4329

JOB VACANCY ANNOUCEMENT
Open Date: Oct 18, 2011
Close Date: Oct 22, 2011

Position: (1) Supervisor $1,000 p/m
Qualification: High School Diploma/Vocational. 5 yrs experience.
Link: http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/41-1011.00

Position:(1) Office Manager $5.05 p/h
Qualification:AA degree/College Graduated. 5 yrs experience.
Link: http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/43-1011.00

Position:(1) Motorcycle Mechanic $5.05 p/h
Qualification: High School Diploma or Vocational. 5 yrs experience.
Link: http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/49-3052.00

Position: (1) Custodial Worker $5.05 p/h
Qualification: High School Diploma. 3 yrs experience.
Link:http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/37-2011.00

Position:(3) Grounds Maintenance Worker $5.05 p/h
Qualification: High School Diploma. 3 yrs experience.
Link:http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/37-3011.00

Position: (5) Housekeeper $5.05 p/h
Qualification: High School Diploma. 3 yrs experience.
Link: http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/37-2012.00

Position:(1) Cashier $5.05 p/h
Qualification: High School Diploma. 3 yrs experience.
Link: http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/41-2011.00

Fax resume to (670) 433-4329 on or before Oct 22, 2011.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

6 Bldg. Maintenance, $5.05/hr. High school or col. graduate. 3-up yrs. experience.

2 Preschool Teachers, $5.05/hr. B.S. holder preferably in education, 2-5 yrs. Experience.

1 Accountant, $5.05-$8.50/hr. B.S. Accounting, proficient in Peachtree software, 3-5 yrs. experience in school setting.

1 AR Bookkeeper, $5.05/hr. Bachelor's Degree holder, proficient in Peachtree software, at least 2 yrs. experience in school setting.

1 Library Assistant, $5.05/hr. Bachelor's Degree holder, have knowledge in library duties & responsibilities, at least 2 yrs. experience.

1 Cook, School Cafeteria, $5.05/hr. At least H.S. graduate or equivalent, can cook international cuisine such as Chinese, Asian and American. 2 yrs. – up experience.

1 Bookstore Manager, $5.05-$7.46/hr. Bachelor's Degree holder or higher, at least 2 yrs. experience in school setting, can speak both English & Mandarin.

1 Maid & Housekeeping Cleaner, $5.05/hr. Female, can speak English & Mandarin, possess 2-5 yrs. experience in babysitting & care of the elderly.

1 Interpreter & Translator, $5.05/hr. Bachelor's Degree in Bible, fluent in English & Mandarin, 2 yrs. experience.

Applicants for above positions must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs, policies & procedures of the school. Submit your resume at Eucon International School & College at Gualo Rai or mail to P.O. Box 500087, Saipan, MP 96950. No phone calls please.

Job Announcement

Maintenance Supervisor-
$5.05 to $6.65/hr
10 years continued experience. Extensive knowledge in building inspection, repair safety measures and waste management. Ability to handle tenants maintenance request (electrical, plumbing, mechanical, carpentry). Knowledgeable in OSHA and CNMI environmental laws. Knowledgeable in electrical system installation in accordance with NEC and local government standards.

Building Repairs and maintenance
(2)- $5.05 to $5.15/hr
5-7 years continued experience. Perform maintenance and repair jobs on buildings, knowledge in carpentry, plumbing, masonry and yard work.

Houseworker- $5.05
5 years experience. Honest, trustworthy, hardworking and follow instructions well. Can perform housework and cook Korean meals. Preferably Korean speaking.

Interested applicants submit resume and police clearance at HS Lee Construction Office, 2nd floor of Highway Express Building middle Road. For application to be considered should be sent not later than Oct 25, 2011.

Job Announcement

Automotive Service Technician and Mechanics (3) - $5.05 to $5.55/hr
5-7 years continued experience. Knowledgeable in general repair and replacement services to include: truing rotors and drums, disc drums and brakes, wheel alignment, struts and suspension, engine performance (tune-up), fuel systems, cruise control, sound systems, exhaust systems, fluid and filter service, heating and cooling systems, air conditioning systems, drive train/U-joint service, front wheel drive/constant velocity joints and specialty installations.

Supervisor of Mechanics Installer & Repairer - $5.05 to $6.15/hr
10 years continued experience. 4-year degree graduate, preferred. Knowledgeable in general repair of vehicles/trucks. General knowledge Proficient in estimating and quoting jobs and diagnosing mechanical problems at all stages. Demonstrated proficiency in supervising and motivating subordinates. Excellent written and oral communication.

Four Wheel Alignment Technician - $5.05 to $5.90/hr
10 years continued experience. Heshbon HA710 Series Computer Alignment, preferred. Specialize in performing wheel Alignments and adjustment on medium and heavy duty vehicles. Comprehensive understanding of vehicle performance & under-body diagnosis, and knowledge of brake system, steering, suspension. Promote tire sales, provide technical service, repairs and diagnose tire wear.

Accountant/Bookkeeper- $5.05 to $7.25/hr
7 years accounting experience. Bachelors degree, preferred. Proficient in Quickbooks /Peachtree software. Must have excellent communication, organizational and self management skills.

Interested applicants submit resume and police clearance at D & W Saipan Inc.
office , 2nd floor of Highway Express Building middle Road. For application to be considered should be sent not later than Oct 25, 2011.

Philippine Goods Construction, Inc.
is looking for

1 – GENERAL MANAGER
Salary: $15.00 - $21.00/hr
With 10 yrs experience on office, personnel and engineering operations particularly in construction business. Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering. At least 5 yrs experience as Civil Engineer. Proficient in AutoCAD and Microsoft Office.

Interested Qualified US Workers must e-mail resume to vphilippinegoods@yahoo.com

QUALITY WATER, INC.

US Eligible workers ONLY

Interested persons send current resume to
qwinc.hr@gmail.com
Or submit at Quality Water, Inc. at Alaihai Ave. cor Alus St., Garapan
Mondays – Fridays 9:30am-11:30am and 2:00pm-4:00pm

Call for DIRECTIONS ONLY – 233-8002
Submit applications no later than October 27, 2011.

(1) **Laboratory Supervisor**
min 5yrs experience

(1) **Laboratory Technician**
min 5yrs experience

Saipan Tribune, Inc. is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

Managing Editor
Associates degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English, or any related course. At least 8 years progressive journalism and newspaper management experience with a strong story evaluation and production background . Must have rigorous proofreading skills and able to meet tight deadlines. Knows how to use InDesign or Quark Express and must be adept in the various technical aspects of newspaper publishing.

Associate Editor
Associates degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English, or any other related course with at least 5 years' experience, including newsroom management, story evaluation, and production. Must have strong rewriting, headlining, and proofreading skills and must be able to meet tight deadlines. Preferably with extensive experience in sportswriting.

Reporter (5)
Associates degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English, or any related course; At least 3 years work related experience; Above-average writing skills and a competent grasp of grammar and syntax; With rigorous standards for accuracy and detail; Ability to work within deadlines and in a stressful environment; Knowledgeable in all types of writing, including news and features; With photography skills.

Accountant
Associate's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years work related experience in general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivables and payable management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system and MS Excel, Word and Power Point software. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

Circulations Coordinator
Associates degree with a minimum of 2 years progressively responsible work experience. Skills required include professional customer service Skills and good driving skills. Must be able to routinely lift and move bundles of newspapers up to 50 lbs.

Accounting and Circulations Manager
College degree with financial management major and 3 years of progressive financial management and newspaper circulation experience. Minimum of 5 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management and newspaper circulation activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage a work team and independent contractors. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft software. CPA not required.

Graphic Designer (3)
Associate's degree in Graphic Design or other related field. Minimum of 3 years work experience doing computer graphics and newspaper layout. Proficiency in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator and Adobe InDesign is a must. Must be familiar with offset printing process, computer peripherals, and Mac operating system. Strong organizational and self-management skills, including the ability to multi-task and prioritize are required. Can work flexible hours, weekends, and holidays, depending on demand.

Advertising Sales Agent (2)
Associates degree in Business Administration or any related course. Minimum of 3 years solid experience in advertising and sales is required. Must have the ability to compose clear business correspondence and prepare and meet monthly sales targets. A background in a printing or newspaper business is an advantage. Proficient in MS Word, Excel and Power Point and must work flexible hours.

Circulations Officer
Associates degree in Business Administration, Accounting or any related course. Minimum of 2 years work related experience in a newspaper or magazine publication. Good oral and written communication skills and proficient in MS Word, Excel & Power Point. Must be self-motivated with strong organizational skills to help manage newspaper circulation assignments. Must have a dependable transportation and available to work early morning and evening hours.

Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment. Salaries will be commensurate with qualification and experience. For applications to be considered, they should be sent to hrd@saipantribune.com not later than October 21, 2011

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

SN FIVE INCORPORATED - JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
Opening Date: October 18, 2011 / Closing Date: October 28, 2011

1 CIVIL ENGINEER ($5.05 / hour)
- Must have a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineer
- Utilize the AutoCad software for preparation of Multi-discipline Design such as Architectural Plan, Structural Plan, Civil Work Plan, Electrical Plan, and Plumbing/Sanitary Plan independently or without help under limited time frame.
- Must be certified on the following: Occupational Safety and Health Administration "OSHA", Community Emergency Response Team, Hazardous Waste Operation and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER), Handling and Transportation of Hazardous Materials, Structural Pest Control Applicator, Soil Percolation Tester, and Water Treatment Plant Operator.
- Must have at least 5 years of Professional Experience

2 STEVEDORE SUPERVISOR ($5.05 / hour)
- Must be certified on the following: Community Emergency Response Team, and Handling and Transportation of Hazardous Materials
- Must have background on shipping business
- Must be computer literate
- Must have at least 5 years of Supervisory Experience

2 DIESEL MARINE ENGINE MECHANIC ($5.05 / hour)
- Must posses a PANAMA LICENSE to operate a 56 LCM Landing cargo boat from Tinian to Saipan/return
- Must be certified in handling and transportation of hazardous materials and certified in community emergency response team
- Must be able to maintain and fix any and all problems related to the engine and crane of the cargo ship
- Must have at least 5 years of experience as Diesel Marine Engine Mechanic

1 MECHANIC ($5.05 / hour)
- Must be able to repair small engine, car, and boom truck and maintenance
- Must have a least 5 years of experience as Mechanic

2 STEVEDORE ($5.05 / hour)
- Must be knowledgeable in navigational charts and tide tables
- Must be certified in handling and transportation of hazardous materials and certified in community emergency response team
- Must have a least 5 years of experience as Stevedore

1 MASON ($5.05 / hour)
- Must have at least 5 years of masonry experience.
- Must be able to work flexible hours

1 FARMER ($5.05 / hour)
- Must have at least 5 years of farming experience and production of local charcoal.

1 COMBINED FOOD PREPARATION AND SERVING WORKER ($5.05 / hour)
- Must have at least 5 years of experience in food preparation, cooking and serving

1 HOUSEWORKER ($5.05 / hour)
- Must have at least 5 years of experience as House worker.
- Must be able to work flexible hours.

Applicants must submit drug test results and a copy of police clearance.
Interested applicants can send their resume to sn5incorporated.tiq@gmail.com

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Farmer (2). Salary: $300 to $400 per month with housing, utilities, food allowance, ground transportation, and workers' compensation insurance provided. Five (5) years experience in fruit, vegetable, and livestock farming required. Must be able to operate farm equipment & machinery.

House Worker – Live-in (2). Salary: CNMI minimum wage. Five (5) years experience in childcare, cooking, cleaning, washing and ironing cloths, and performing other related house worker duties and responsibilities is required.

All applicants must be of good health, good moral character, and must agree to a drug test. High school graduate. Must be able to read, speak and write basic English.

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Wilson, coolest person at World Series

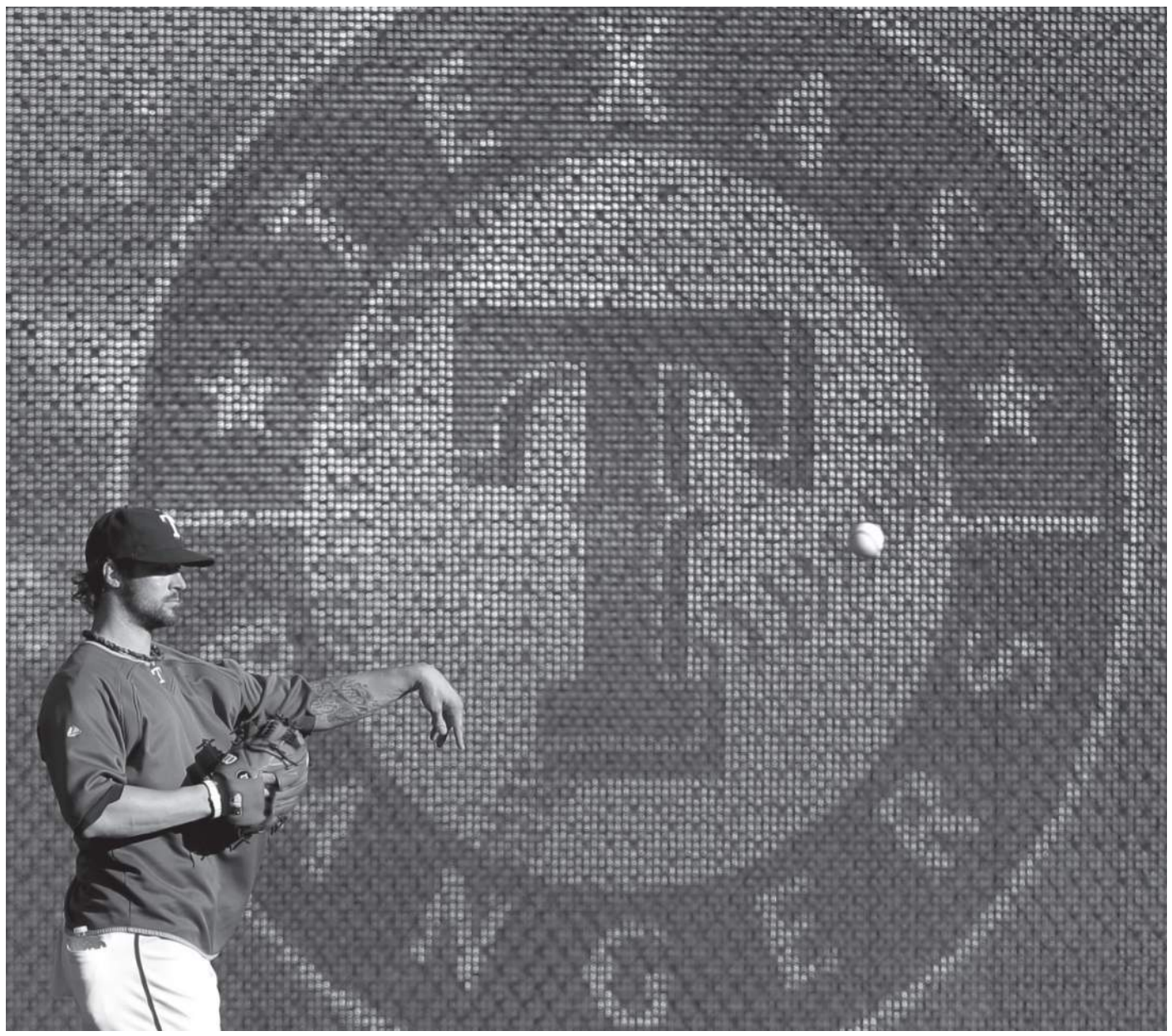
ST. LOUIS (AP)—The coolest person at the World Series is C.J. Wilson.

The Texas Rangers pitcher chilled out as he prepared to face the St. Louis Cardinals in Wednesday night's opener. He spent 2 1/2 minutes in a Dallas cryotherapy chamber, where liquid nitrogen lowered the temperature to a frosty 295 degrees below zero in an effort to speed body recovery.

"So 35 degrees should be no big deal, right?" Wilson said Tuesday after examining the frigid forecast for Game 1 at Busch Stadium, where he starts against the Cardinals' Chris Carpenter.

Wearing a dark ski cap, dress shirt and vest in the interview room, Wilson said he read about the Dallas Mavericks trying out cryotherapy last season, when they won the NBA championship, and had Rangers head athletic trainer Jamie Reed check out the relatively new treatment with Casey Smith, his Mavs' counterpart.

"I'm kind of an experimental guy. I'll go for the hyperbaric chamber, drink a new type of sports drink that's supposed to keep your blood sugar regulated. I'll do whatever," said Wilson, one of baseball's best talkers.



Texas Rangers' C.J. Wilson tosses the ball during afternoon practice with the team Monday, Oct. 17, 2011, in Arlington, Texas. AP

Eric Rauscher, managing director of the Millennium Ice facility that Wilson uses, said the treatment has been available in the U.S. for about three years. It's an improvement over an ice bath, which lowers the skin-surface temperature to about 48 degrees.

"The body goes into fight-or-flight syndrome, and surrounds the major body organs with enriched blood," Rauscher said.

Preparing for the treatment, Wilson stripped down to his shorts, and put on special gloves and socks to keep his fingers and toes from getting frostbite. The rest of the body can tolerate the extreme temperature for that brief period.

"Basically you stand in this freezing can and cold air circulates around you. I did it a couple days ago," Wilson said.

Wilson said he'd like to get to 300 below zero. Rauscher said there's not much additional benefit, if any, at that point.

"Being competitive athletes, they want to outdo each other. I think it's more of an ego thing," he said.

For someone coming in off the street, a single treatment would cost $85, according to Mark Murdock, Millennium's contact person with the Rangers. For packages of multiple treatments, the rate drops to about $75.

"It gets really cold, really quick. And your body's response is it pulls all the blood from your extremities in around your vital organs, kind of going into safety-survival mode," Reed said. "You walk out about 2 1/2 minutes later, and that blood in theory has been enriched and oxygenated."

Wilson has gone for the treatment twice between starts when the Rangers are at home. Fellow Rangers starter Matt Harrison also has become a devotee. He tried it out after feeling tired legs during a trip to Chicago.

"I've never been that cold before in my life," Harrison said. "Those last 30 seconds in there are pretty miserable. You're in there jumping around, just waiting for that guy telling you you're done."

Wilson, the Texas ace following the departure of Cliff Lee, lost Game 2 to San Francisco last year despite pitching well. He gave up a solo homer to Edgar Renteria in the fifth and a leadoff walk in the seventh that scored off the Rangers' bullpen.

After going 16-7 with a 2.94 ERA during the regular season, the free agent-to-be is just 0-2 with an 8.04 ERA in three postseason starts.

"He just elevated the ball too much," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "He knows what he has to do, and I expect him to do it tomorrow."

Carpenter was 11-9 during the regular season but was 10-2 with a 2.73 ERA from late June on, and the Cardinals rewarded him in September with a $21 million, two-year contract. He was brilliant in Game 5 of the division series, pitching a three-hitter that beat Philadelphia's Roy Halladay 1-0, then struggled in the third game of the NL championship series against Milwaukee but still won 4-3 with a five-inning outing.

"Coming out of that start in Milwaukee, I had 200-something innings, 4,000 pitches or whatever. and it's the middle of October," Carpenter said. "Everybody has got soreness, and everybody has got aches. I got some treatment on my elbow. My elbow is fine."

After winning the 2005 NL Cy Young Award, he missed most of the 2007 and 2008 seasons because of arm injuries, so there always is worry.

"Way back in August, every once in a while he would find his elbow was a little stiff, so he would monitor his bullpens," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "He's been getting treatment and I know put his hand on the Bible the other day, a couple days ago, with the trainers and the doctor, and they all feel he's good to go."

Red Sox deny TV report about drinking in dugout

BOSTON (AP)—Embattled Red Sox pitchers Jon Lester, Josh Beckett and John Lackey denied a TV report Tuesday that said they drank beer in the dugout during games.

The allegation is the latest in a rough stretch for Boston, which missed the playoffs following a record collapse, going 7-20 in September and finishing at 90-72.

Manager Terry Francona was let go last month, general manager Theo Epstein appears to be on his way out and Lester, Beckett and Lackey have caught much of the blame for the team's season-ending skid.

"Tonight our organization has heard directly from Jon, Josh, John, and former manager Terry Francona," team president Larry Lucchino said Tuesday in a release.

"Each has assured us that the allegation that surfaced today about drinking in the dugout during games in 2011 is false, and we accept their statements as honest and factual.

"It is time to look forward and move forward, rather than allow a reckless, unsubstantiated accusation from 'anonymous sources' to mislead the public."

WHDH-TV, citing two unidentified Red Sox employees, reported Tuesday that Beckett, Lester and Lackey would fill their cups with beer in the Fenway Park clubhouse, then return to the dugout and drink while watching the game.

One of the employees told WHDH-TV the three starters appeared "bored on nights they weren't pitching and this is how they entertained themselves."

"The accusation that we were drinking in the dugout during games is completely false," Lester said in the release issued by the team. "Anonymous sources are continuing to provide exaggerated and, in this case, inaccurate information to the media."

Said Beckett: "I cannot let this allegation go without response; enough is enough. I admit that I made mistakes along the way this season, but this has gone too far. To say that we drank in the dugout during the game is not true."

The Boston Globe reported last Wednesday that Beckett, Lackey and Lester would eat fried chicken, drink beer and play video games in the clubhouse during games, instead of being in the dugout with their teammates. That story was based on "team sources."

"There are things that went on this season that shouldn't have happened, but this latest rumor is not true," Lackey said in Tuesday's release, "and I felt that it was important to try to stop this from going any further."

Said Francona: "In 32 years of professional baseball, I have never seen someone drinking beer in the dugout."

No sign of Epstein in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP)—There is still no sign of Theo Epstein in Chicago.

It has been more than a week since word leaked that Epstein was headed to Chicago to join the Cubs after nine years with the Boston Red Sox.

It may take even longer for an official announcement.

Major League Baseball prohibits major news announcements during the World Series, which kicks off Wednesday in St. Louis as the Cardinals host the Texas Rangers in Game 1.

A person familiar with the negotiations has told The Associated Press that Epstein has agreed to a contract with the Cubs with a year left on his general manager contract in Boston. The person says compensation issues must be worked out, speaking on condition of anonymity because there has not been an announcement.

Two years ago, a news conference was held to announce that the Ricketts family had acquired the Cubs from Tribune Co. But even that came on a travel day for the World Series teams and it involved a multimillion-dollar deal.

On a cloudy Tuesday near Wrigley Field, the grounds crew was readying the playing field for the winter ahead while other workers repaired lights in the grandstand. No news conference, and no word on Epstein.

The Cubs have declined comment. Red Sox owner John Henry said last week that he wanted Epstein to stay with the Red Sox, while acknowledging the stress of being the Red Sox GM.

If and when Epstein arrives in Chicago, he will have his work cut out for him. The club has chewed up and spit out managers and general managers for decades.

Can Epstein be the guy to end the mind-boggling run of mediocrity, ineptitude, bad luck, strange karma and missed chances, one that has reached 103 years without a World Series winner? Chairman Tom Ricketts apparently thinks so and is ready to hand the 37-year-old Epstein a five-year deal reportedly worth $15 million to $18.5 million.

Epstein was running the Red Sox when they won it all in 2004 to end an 86-year World Series championship drought. And Boston added another title, with Epstein at the helm, three years later.

Once Epstein departs, the Red Sox are expected to announce assistant GM Ben Cherington as his replacement. The Red Sox, who collapsed in September and missed the playoffs for a second straight year, must also find a new manager to replace Terry Francona.

One of the first chores in Chicago is the future of manager Mike Quade, who piloted the team to a 71-91 record in his first full season. He has another year left on his deal.

Raiders acquire Carson Palmer from Bengals

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP)—Carson Palmer went to bed a retired football player resigned to the fact that the Cincinnati Bengals would never grant his wish to be traded.

He woke up to a text message early Tuesday morning telling him to fly to Oakland to complete a trade with the Raiders, who are counting on Palmer to replace the injured Jason Campbell and lead the team back to the playoffs for the first time since 2002.

"It's been a whirlwind," Palmer said. "I understand what's expected of me. I know what playing quarterback is about, and it's about winning. I want to come in a contribute and do whatever I can to help this team."

The Raiders are hoping he can do a lot, having traded a 2012 first-round pick and a conditional second-rounder in 2013 that can become another first if Oakland makes it to the AFC title game in either of the next two years.

Coach Hue Jackson believes Palmer is the ideal fit, having recruited and coached him at Southern California and been an assistant in Cincinnati with Palmer.

Jackson said Palmer has the strong arm and athleticism that late Raiders owner Al Davis always wanted in a quarterback.

"This guy can play and he knows how to play the game and he knows how to elevate the players around him," Jackson said.

"There's no question you go on offense as good as your quarterback is. I think he's one of the best and that's why he's on this football team now. I didn't bring him here because he was just a guy sitting out there. I brought him here because I think he can help this team win a championship."

The Bengals had been adamant about not trading Palmer, who wanted to be dealt from a team that has had only two winning records in the past 20 years.

Owner Mike Brown repeatedly insisted he wouldn't consider Palmer's request for a trade because he didn't want to reward him for holding out. He changed his mind after getting the big offer from the Raiders.

AP

Quarterback Carson Palmer is introduced after signing with the Oakland Raiders at the team's NFL football headquarters in Alameda, Calif., Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011.

Brown said the play of rookie quarterback Andy Dalton made it easier to trade Palmer.

"We also find ourselves rather suddenly in position of being able to receive real value for Carson that can measurably improve our team, which is performing well and is showing real promise for this year and years to come," he said in a statement.

"When this opportunity arose, we felt we could not let it pass and needed to take a step forward with the football team if we could."

The Raiders (4-2) became desperate for a quarterback after Campbell broke his collarbone during a win over the Browns on Sunday.

Campbell had surgery Monday and was expected to miss at least six weeks, leaving the Raiders with only Kyle Boller and Terrelle Pryor on the roster.

Jackson's mantra all season has been "the time is now," and he backed that up by dealing for Palmer.

The Raiders also renegotiated Palmer's contract, giving him a $2.5 million guaranteed deal for the rest of this season, $12.5 million with $5 million guaranteed in 2012, $13 million in 2013 and $15 million in 2014.

Palmer had been working out in Southern California, trying to stay in shape and throwing to former teammate T.J. Houshmandzadeh and high school players.

He hoped the work would pay off with another chance in the NFL, but he did not know.

"There was a number of times that there were teams approaching the Bengals and it didn't work out, so it was a very difficult time," Palmer said.

"I didn't know what was going to happen. I didn't know what was around the next turn, the next week, the next month. So there was a lot of confusion and I really didn't know what was next."

Palmer said it will take some time to learn the offense, build chemistry with his receivers and get back into football shape. Oakland hosts Kansas City on Sunday but Jackson would not say whether Palmer would start.

While Palmer has not played or practiced since last season, he has a history with Jackson, who was his offensive coordinator for two years at USC and the wide receivers coach for three seasons in Cincinnati.

Jackson was with the Bengals when Palmer had his best season in 2005 when he threw for 3,836 yards with 32 touchdown passes and a 101.1 rating while leading the team to an AFC North title. Palmer tore up his left knee during a playoff loss to Pittsburgh that season.

He came back and had two solid seasons before partially tearing a ligament and tendon in his passing elbow during the 2008 season.

He has not been an elite quarterback since, despite getting back to the playoffs in 2009. Palmer said he is completely healthy now.

Over the past two years, Palmer completed 61.2 percent of his passes for 7,064 yards, 47 touchdowns, 33 interceptions and a passer rating of 82.9 while posting a 14-18 record.

Those numbers are comparable to what Campbell has done since the start of the 2009 season.

But the Raiders were not willing to trust their playoff chances with Boller, who had not started a game since 2009 and had lost his previous 10 starts since October 2007, or Pryor, a project who will need time before he can be an NFL quarterback.

This is the second trade the Raiders have made since Davis' death. They dealt last week for former No. 4 overall pick in 2009, linebacker Aaron Curry from Seattle.

The trade leaves the Raiders with picks only in the fifth and sixth rounds in next year's draft. They traded their second-rounder during April's draft to New England for the picks to draft offensive lineman Joe Barksdale and running back Taiwan Jones.

They used their third-rounder to take Pryor in the supplemental draft in August. They traded their fourth-rounder in 2010 to get Campbell and the seventh-rounder for Curry.

"I know a lot of people think we've mortgaged the future of the organization," Jackson said. "I don't see it that way. I mean, I don't think you ever mortgage the future of an organization when you're putting a real big-time franchise quarterback on your team."

Oakland is expecting to get compensatory picks after losing Nnamdi Asomugha, Zach Miller, Robert Gallery, Thomas Howard and Bruce Gradkowski in free agency.

NBA players, owners meet for more than 15 hours

NEW YORK (AP)—NBA labor talks stretched into the wee hours Wednesday morning as players and owners met with a federal mediator, hoping to deliver the progress Commissioner David Stern says is needed to avoid canceling more games.

Both sides met for more than 15 hours, their longest negotiating session since owners locked out players when the old collective bargaining agreement expired June 30.

The talks started about 10 a.m. Tuesday, the 110th day of the lockout.

Stern sought immediate results in just one day of mediation, saying during interviews last week that proposals could get worse and more games could be lost without a deal.

"If there's a breakthrough, it's going to come on Tuesday," he told NBA TV. "And if not, I think that the season is really going to potentially escape from us because we aren't making any progress."

In another interview, Stern told WFAN radio in New York that his "gut" was there wouldn't be NBA games on Christmas if the 110th day of the lockout ended without a deal.

Large gaps remain, with both sides seeking 53 percent of basketball revenues and players opposing owners' attempts to significantly change the salary cap system.

George Cohen, who was appointed director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service in 2009, met with the sides individually at their offices Monday before both brought their full bargaining committees to a hotel Tuesday. The union said it wanted to have the whole week set aside for negotiations, but owners have two days of board meetings beginning Wednesday.

Stern wants to be able to bring them a deal. If not, they may have to discuss further cancellations after the first two weeks of the season were already wiped out.

Cohen was present for talks between NFL owners and players for 16 days in February and March before that mediation broke off.

He previously helped broker a deal between Major League Soccer and its players and was lead lawyer for the baseball players' union when it won an injunction against its owners in 1995, ending the 7 1/2-month strike.

Dallara dedicates 2012 chassis in Wheldon's honor

LAS VEGAS (AP)—IndyCar's new Dallara chassis will be named in honor of two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dan Wheldon.

Wheldon, who did most of the testing on the new 2012 IndyCar, was killed Sunday in a fiery, 15-car pileup at the season-ending race in Las Vegas. IndyCar officials said late Tuesday that they will hold a public memorial service Sunday afternoon at Conseco Fieldhouse. The service will begin at 4 p.m.

"Dan lives in the memory of everybody at Dallara," company president and founder Gianpaolo Dallara said in a statement Tuesday. "We will honor his memory for the years to come by dedicating the Dallara IndyCar2012 in his name. He deserves that."

Flags at the company's Italian headquarters were lowered to half staff Monday.

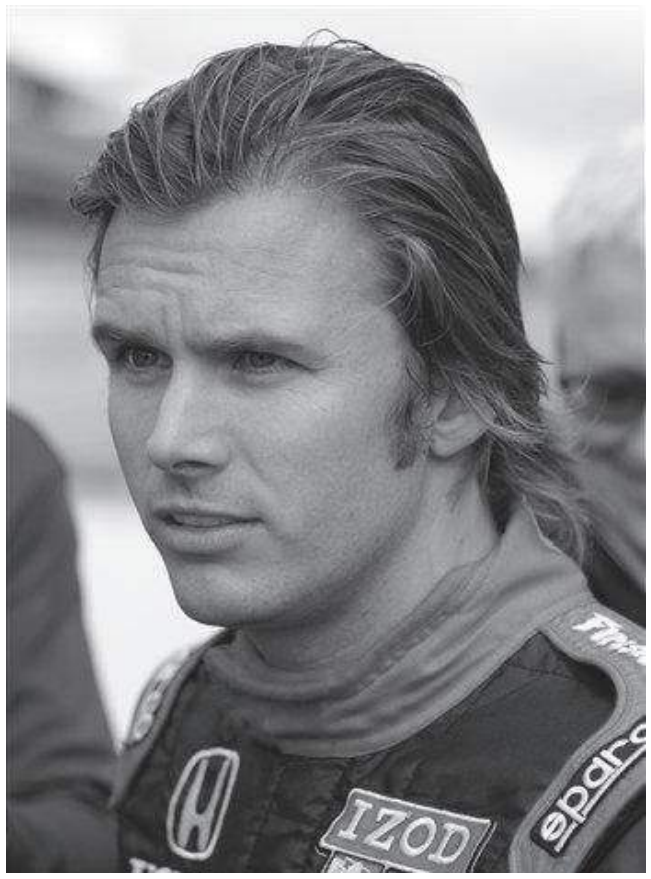
IndyCar vice president of technology Will Phillips, who oversaw the testing program, said Wheldon did everything he could to make the car safer and stronger and that his assistance will be "sorely missed."

IndyCar is investigating the fatal crash.

Formula One's governing body (FIA) and the Automobile Competition Committee of the United States, an umbrella organization of auto racing sanctioning bodies in the United States, will assist in the inquiry.

Preliminary findings were expected within several weeks.

Series officials said a trust fund for Wheldon's family has been established. Donations can be sent to Fifth Third Private Bank, attention Dan Wheldon Family Trust, 251 North Illinois St., Suite 1000, Indianapolis, IN 46204.



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In this Sept. 27, 2011, file photo, Dan Wheldon talks about the 2012 IndyCar vehicle, at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011.

PIC dodgeball set for Nov 4 and 5

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Pacific Islands Club's 2011 Dodge Ball Tournament is set to take place on Nov. 4 and 5 at the PIC tennis courts.

The competition will consist of 16 teams with 10-player roster limits with a minimum of two female players per group. All players must be at least 18 years old.

Entrance fee to participate is set at $150 per team and the proceeds raised from the event will be donated to help the fight against cancer.

Teams will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

On Nov. 4 a 6pm team captain's meeting will be held courtside at PIC. All paperwork, waivers and payments are due before the opening pool play matches start at 6:30pm.

The teams will be broken into four groups; Pools A and B will take the court for the first round of pool play games followed by groups C and D at 8pm.

Then the tournament picks back up on Saturday when the teams are expected to check in at 1pm before the commencement of a 1:30pm single-elimination "one and done" bracket tournament.

The awards ceremony will take place immediately following the championship match. Along with the top place finishers the best uniforms and team banner will also be awarded; team banners are required.

The tournament will abide by National Amateur Dodgeball Association rules and each three-game series is set at three minutes per match.

Last year Huevos Grandes, made up of team captain Amanda Allen, Thomas Silberberger, Brian O'Laughlin, Jackie Van Dam, Brian Morris, Daniel Stafford, Matt Grosenbach, Tiberius Mocanu, Steven Gardinerm, and Adam Hardwicke, swept the field and defeated the M-Squad two games to one in the championship match.

Hueveos Grandes was ranked in second place coming into a round-robin elimination round, while the M-Squad drew a fifth place seat and eventually went through top contender Ideal Team in the semifinals.

XGA October Ace of the Month on Saturday

The Xclusive Golf Association is holding its October Ace of the Month Tournament on Saturday at the Kingfisher Golf Links. Tee time is set at 11am.

Contact JJ Cabrera at 287-9478 for more information. ***(Walter Cepeda Sutherland)***

Kagman softball fundraiser

The Kagman High School Class of 2012 is calling on interested teams to participate in a fund-raising slow-pitch softball tournament next month.

Organizer Pedro Tudela said although they are hoping to hold the competition on Nov. 18 and 19 at the Capital Hill Ballfield, the final dates have yet to be decided. He added that the fund-raiser is open for 10 teams with an entrance fee of $250 (unlimited home runs). Prizes will be awarded to the Top 3 finishers

Other details of the competition will be announced later. For more information, contact Tudela at 256-7363. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

GBL-IT&E Cup season opener moved to Oct. 29

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The inaugural season of the Garapan Basketball League's IT&E Cup has been pushed back a week for a second time and will now kick off on Oct. 29 at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Organizers postponed the start of the competition to give teams more time to acquire their uniforms.

The season opener will start at 4pm and awards will be presented to the teams with the best muse and best uniform.

The eight teams that have signed up include Haus-Satbahi, Ol'Aces, FGC Construction, R-Rebels, Mobil, Andocks, NMC Proa, and Konflikt-IT&E Blue.

A cash prize of $1,000 is at stake, plus trophy, to the champion team, in addition to various individual awards and other prizes.

After conclusion of the regular season a single-elimination playoff format will take place with the top seed earning an automatic semifinals berth. The last place team will be out of the running.

The upcoming season represents the first of a three-leg series.

The second season will run from April to June 2012 and the final leg is targeted from October to November 2012.

The GBL also announced the addition of its new photo booth where the IT&E player of the game will be recognized after each game.

In addition, the GBL will have a medical representative on hand during games in case of injuries. Organizers also plan on providing video footage during the post season to help resolve controversial plays.

For more information, email gbl670@yahoo.com or visit the group's Facebook page listed under Garapan Basketball League.

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In the first game, Wushin clobbered GPPC, 87-67, while PSS edged Grillin' in the second match of the night, 91-86.

Wushin had a breakout game in the second half en route to a 20-point winning margin. The 1-2 punch of Jun Tabora and Ferdie Tobias led Wushin's second-half recovery, as they combined for 16 of the team's 28 points in the third period.

Before Wushin's explosion in the third canto, GPPC was ahead at halftime, 34-24. GPPC was in cruise control early when it held Wushin to only three field goals in the opening quarter for a 20-8 advantage. Wushin then kept the driver's seat in the second frame despite having only two players scoring in that canto. Randy Mungcal had eight points to finish the first half with 12 markers, while Alex Ocampo added eight.

Tabora, who was scoreless in the first period before making a late surge in the second quarter, continued improving his numbers in the second half. Tobias, who was limited to four points, also stepped up and Wushin drew contributions from four more players to grab the upper hand, 52-47, with a full quarter to go.

GPPC lost the lead in the third with its uneven offense, as only three players lit up the scoreboard with Ocampo making eight and Mungcal and Boboy Sampang were limited to three and two markers, respectively.

With Wushin holding a precarious five-point margin at the start of the fourth, Tabora saved his best for last, sizzling for 18 points to lead the team's breakaway. Tabora almost outscored the entire GPPC crew, who combined for 20 markers in the payoff canto and earned most of their points from the foul line.

Tabora finished with a season-high 33 points, while Tobias chipped in 20. Edwin Santos also had double figures, adding 10. Ocampo paced GPPC with 23, while Mungcal logged 20, but was limited to one field goal in the second half.

In the second game, PSS also leaned on its balanced scoring to beat Grillin' in a nip-and-tuck game. PSS had 10 players making it to the scoreboard against Grillin's five.

Dave Sablan, who was held to eight points in the first half, redeemed himself in the second, firing 15 to top-score for PSS with 23. He, Kelvin Fitial, and Gus Palacios knocked in timely baskets in the fourth to thwart Grillin'.

Grilling fell behind early, 4-16, but picked up its game late in the first period and hung in there, trailing by only three after three quarters, 60-63.

However, Grillin' still could not overhaul the lead, as it had only Sonny Lerio, Lerio Pagarao, and Roy Hernandez scoring for the team in the fourth canto. Lerio had 11 points, Pagarao added 10, and Hernandez nailed four in the fourth frame.

Only Lerio and Pagarao canned more than one field goal for Grillin in the final canto. In contrast, PSS had five players scoring at least four points apiece. By the end of the match, PSS had four players tallying double figures and four others combining for 24 markers.

Lerio and Pagarao had 30 and 28 for Grillin,' respectively, while Hernandez chipped in five. Rocyl Ritual had a quiet seven points, while James Kintz recorded five and both were scoreless in the fourth.

First Game

Wushin 87 – Tabora 33, Tobias 20, Santos 10, Cosino 8, Tibayan 8, Patawaran 3, Tengco 3, Farinas 2.

GPPC 67 – Ocampo 23, Mungcal 20, Tolentino 8, Sampang 8, M. Tagle 3, Jimenez 2, Jalandoni 2, Rivera 1.

Scoring by quarters: 8-20, 34-24, 52-47, 87-67.

Second Game

PSS-McGraw Hill 91 – Sablan 23, Villacrusis 13, Fitial 13, Palacios 11, Mendez 8, Manibusan 8, Buniag 4, Villagomez 4, Guerrero 2, Lee 1.

Grillin' 86 – Lerio 30, Pagarao 28, Hernandez 15, Ritual 7, Kintz 5.

Scoring by quarters: 24-20, 41-40, 63-60, 91-86.

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Southern had its share of first-place finishes with Marvin Lee beating Yoo in the 100m freestyle and reigning in the 50m butterfly against four others. Lee timed in at 1:09.64 in the 100m freestyle to down Yoo (1:45.77) and then clocked in at 35.03 seconds in the 50m butterfly to beat MHS' Michael Moran (35.04 seconds), Southern's San Kim (35.86 seconds), and GCA's Reyes (47.87 seconds) and Yoo (53.46 seconds).

The MHS Dolphins returned to the competition last weekend after missing last year's event and finished third with 48 points. Lapuz gave 16 points to MHS as he ended up first in the 50m freestyle and second in the 100m breaststroke races. He won the 50m freestyle event with a time of 28.92 seconds, besting Moran (29.51 seconds) and Southern's San (34.30 seconds) and Andrew Kim (35.90 seconds).

The Dolphins then gained 18 points in the girls division with Daime Rivera racing in the 100m breaststroke (1:41.85) and 50m butterfly (44.47 seconds).

Points were given to schools based on how their swimmers finished the races. Nine points were awarded to the top finisher in the individual race, seven to second, six to third, five to fourth, four to fifth, three to six, two to seventh, and one to eighth. In relays, winners received 18 points, 14 to the runners-up, and 12 to the third placers.

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and Zoe Jewell combined for 11 markers in the second quarter. Czarina Lizama led SSHS with eight points in the first half.

SSHS' Daylinne Joseph nailed a pair of 3-pointers for eight points in the third quarter, but SIS stuck to its game plan and maintained a healthy 42-31 margin heading into the final period of regulation.

Duenas, however, had other plans and took over the game, leading SSHS to a 54-54 deadlock in the fourth quarter, forcing overtime.

Duenas tallied 16 points to go with seven in support from Joseph in the payoff period that tilted momentum to the Lady Rays' favor.

SIS actually took an early six-point lead in the extra five minutes, but it was only a matter of time before SSHS worked the ball to Duenas and it did not take her very long to fill the void and then some.

Duenas racked up 14 more points in overtime as SSHS kept it out of reach by the final buzzer.

Duenas blew up the scoreboard with a dazzling 32 points in 20 minutes, outscoring SIS' Hutchins by a dozen markers.

SSHS 70 – Duenas 32, Joseph 17, Lizama 12, C. Bartolo 4, Galarse 3, V Bartolo 2, Maui 2, Santos 2.

SIS 62 – Hutchins 20, Roberts 13, Jewell 12, Phala 8, Chun 5, Bracken 4.

Scoring by quarters: 9-13, 15-30, 31-42, 54-54, 70-62 (OT).

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streak to four after a 6-0 demolition of Paire.

Jehn Joyner had a hat-trick for MP United 1, while Ryota Ito scored a pair, and Kaisei Toda chipped in one.

Ryota and Joyner tallied the first two goals for MP United 1 in the first half before Toda also found the back of the net in the second.

Paire absorbed its second loss in three games to drop to fifth place in the seven-team field.

Matansa 6, Shirley's FC 11

Matansa moved up from fifth to third place after beating Shirley's FC 1.

The Glen Perez-coached Matansa now has a 2-1-1 slate, following its convincing win in Week 4, while Shirley's FC 1 dropped to a 0-0-4 card.

David James Bucayo paced Matansa with three goals, while Sean Perez, Jeong Wook Hwang, Jireh Yobech, and Michael Fidelino scored one each.

GIRLS U15
Paire 6, Tan Holdings 0

Over at the San Antonio Elementary School Field, Paire finally broke into the win column after losing its first three games.

Kayleen Salle notched three goals for Paire, while Mikael Duenas and Hatsuko Bearden added one apiece.

Tan Holdings is still winless in three games with one more match left in the first round of the double-round competition.

MP United 2, Shirley's FC 2

The other game at the San Antonio pitch ended in a draw.

MP United scored all its goals in the second half to tie Shirley's FC, which had the lead at halftime, 1-0, but could not keep the win after making only one goal in the second half.

Alexandria Vergara broke the ice in the first half, while Jeraldine Castillo scored for Shirley's in the second. Hae Ki Kim and Seong Hyun Lee found the back of the net for MP United in the second half to force a deadlock.

BOYS U18
MP United 5, Paire 1

In the lone boys U18 match at the Oleai pitch, MP United got even with Paire.

MP United lost the league opener to Paire, 2-3, but recovered in their second meeting last weekend.

Joyner also suited up for MP United's U18 team and contributed two goals, while Dae Min Jeon, Moon Bin Hong, and Chris Park chipped in one each. Colin Fruit made the lone goal for Paire.

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PSS, Wushin off to good starts

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PSS-McGraw Hill and Wushin Corp. began their campaign in the 3rd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League on a positive note after recording contrasting wins last Tuesday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium. See PSS on Page 27

PSS-McGraw Hill's Kelvin Fitial, center, drives against Grillin's James Kintz, left, and Rocyl Ritual during the second quarter of their game in the Shirley's caging last Tuesday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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GCA tops high school division

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Grace Christian Academy's Kensuke Kimura (on lane 4) gets ready for the 100m backstroke race in last Saturday's All Schools meet at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

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Last part of a three-part series

Grace Christian Academy foiled Saipan Southern High School's bid for a repeat after winning the high school division crown in the 18th SSC All Schools Swimming Championships by a hair.

The Eagles collected 70 points in last Saturday's competition at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi to dethrone the Rays, which fell a point short of defending their championship after earning 69 markers.

GCA fielded a team in the high school division's medley relay—the last event of the day—to make the difference in the close race. The quartet of Kensuke Kimura, Shigeki Tenorio, Min Seok Yoo, and Patrick Reyes gave the Eagles 18 points.

Kimura added 18 more points for GCA after topping the men's over 14 200m freestyle race (2:09.16) against Southern's Kaisei Toda (2:25.32) and Home School's Andrew Kimball (2:28.33) and racing in the 100m backstroke (1:06.96).

Tenorio duplicated Kimura's feat, winning the 100m breaststroke (1:16.85) against Marianas High School's Lester Lapuz (1:33.45) and swimming in the 200m individual medley (2:36.84).

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MP United 1, Tan Holdings keep unbeaten records

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MP United 1 and Tan Holdings preserved their undefeated records after shutting out separate foes in Week 4 of the boys U15 competition in the 2011 NMIFA Youth Football Fall League last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex.

Tan Holdings played in the first game of the weekend and showed no mercy against the all-female squad of Shirley's FC 2, 10-0, to improve to a 3-0-0 win-draw-loss record.

Tanapon Unsa led Tan Holdings with four goals, while Dan Denric Ibarra and Mark Gerald Mora each added two. Hark Joshua Galarion also made it to the scoreboard.

With its third straight win, Tan Holdings kept pace with MP United 1, which owns a 4-0-0 mark, while Shirley's 2 has yet to win in three matches.

MP United 1 stretched its

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MP United 1's Ryota Ito, seen here trying to beat an MP United 2 for the ball, scored twin goals in their 6-0 demolition of Paire FC in the boys U15 division of the NMIFA youth fall league last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex.

Duenas leads Lady Rays past SIS Geckos in OT

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Roxanne Duenas sparked Saipan Southern High School to a 70-62 overtime victory against Saipan International School in the girls varsity division of the Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization basketball league last Tuesday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

The win was the second in two games for the Lady Manta Rays, while the loss evened the Lady Geckos' record at 1-1.

SIS will look to bounce back against Kagman High School (0-1) as the season continues on Oct. 25, 4:30pm at the MHS Gym.

Results of yesterday's game between KHS and MHS will be published tomorrow.

SIS got right to work after the tip and managed a 13-9 lead in the opening 10 minutes.

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Saipan Southern High School's Roxanne Duenas scores the go-ahead basket in overtime of Tuesday's MISO girls basketball matchup against Saipan International School at the the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Amie Hutchins paced the Lady Geckos with seven points.

SIS then trudged ahead, 30-15, at halftime as Amber Roberts

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